

in Chesepeake, and are called on in the most pressing Manner for our proportion of the Supplies required by Congress to be delivered without Delay at the Posts of Baltimore and George Town, and the Head of Elk, we most earnestly request you to have all the wheat manufactured into superfine merchantable Flour, and deposited on the waters of Chesepeake the most convenient for Transportation. We have given Directions to the Several County Commissaries to collect by Purchase or seizure immediately a Number of Beef Cattle as mentioned below and such salted Provisions as may be procured so as not to distress the Owners. We request you to attend to and forward that Business. You will also have a sufficient Quantity of For[a]ge laid in at Elk we send you by this opportunity £250, of the new Money to expedite and enable you to comply with these requisitions. Somerset 600, Worcester 600, Dorchester 400, Talbot 350, Queen Anns 350, to be put in good Pastures subject to the future orders of the Governor and Council; Kent 350, Cecil 250 Caroline 150, to be sent to the Head, the whole 3100 Head of Beef Cattle, Salted Provisions Cecil Kent and Caroline to be sent to the Head of Elk, Somerset to be lodged at Princess Ann, Worcester at Snow hill, Dorchester at Cambridge, Talbot and Queen Anns, the Head of Miles River

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[Council to Mr. Muir.]

Ibid.

The Cloth sent by M^r Keeports for Blankets should be cut up, and made without a moments Delay, they should be cut [] foot six Inches long.

[Council to Colo. Richard Barnes.]

Ibid.

A Detachment from the main Army is expected at the Head of Elk on the 8th of next Month on their way to Virginia and it will be necessary to have there all the Vessels that can be procured ready to receive them. We have directed Impress Warrants to all the Counties, where there is any Probability of obtaining Vessels and have enclosed one to S^t Mary's which we shall be obliged to you to direct the Person in your County who you think the most proper for the Business.

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[Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]

Ibid.

By letters received by Express from his Excellency Gen^l Washington, and Robert Morris Esq^r we are informed that a large Detachment of the Army are on their March towards Virginia, to cooperate with the French Fleet hourly expected in Chesepeak we are called on in the most pressing and earnest Manner for every kind of supply's to compleat our continental Quota, which are to be delivered without Delay at the Posts of Baltimore, George Town and the Head of Elk, we most earnestly entreat you to collect with Expedition all the Flour and flesh Provisions within your district belonging to the