

## APPENDIX

[Richard Peters, War Office, to the Hon'ble The Executive Council  
of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.]

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The Board have the Honor to enclose a Copy of a Resolution of Congress respecting the Removal of Provisions & stores from the Peninsula between the Delaware & Chesapeake Bays. The Directions contained therein are founded upon well grounded Information received from the Commander in chief of an operation now in much Forwardness on the Part of the Enemy for the Purpose of possessing themselves of the ample Supplies which that country will afford them; and which while in their present situation hold out the most flattering Inducements to them. A Removal of them will defeat the End of their Enterprize and probably would prevail on them to give it over & thereby the People be relieved from the Danger & Distress which threaten them. We trust however that no Arguments are necessary to convince you of the urgency of the Measure & we hope for your concurrence therein; Indeed without this it appears to us to be impracticable to carry into effect the Directions of Congress. We have therefore ordered down a judicious prudent officer with a few Troops & have directed the commissary General of Purchases to assist in the Business so far as depends upon him. These Officers will consult your Excellency, and the Honble Council on the Matter & act agreeable to your advice; both as to the Removal of Public & Private Property; and particularly with Regard to the Latter. Assistance in the Transportation is absolutely requisite from the State: as it is impossible for the Officers to collect Teams or Craft without the concurrence of the Executive of the State. Altho Horses are not mentioned in the Resolution of Congress yet they are equally within the Power of the Enemy & should be removed. Any of these delivered to the Officer of Dragoons will doubtless be accounted for by Congress & proper Credit given the State; or Certificates to the Individuals as may be thought most proper

[Special Co[ouncil]. Talbot C<sup>t</sup> House]

May 29

The Special Co. for the Eastern Shore appointed by an Act of the last Session of Assembly having determined that the Contingencies had happened in which the Legislature intended the powers of Gov<sup>t</sup> for this Shore shou'd vest did accordingly take upon themselves the Exercise of those powers, and issued their Proclamation notifying the same, in Consequence whereof various matters & things have been transacted a Journal of which we beg Leave to lay before the Honorable the two Houses of the General Assembly.