

[Proclamation]

February 28
Red Book
No. 30
Letter 114

To the Inhabitants of Cecil County: The continental Troops to the amount of fifteen hundred having yesterday arived at this place and there being little or no Flesh provisions at the Post, the Inhabitants are most earnestly Solicited to throw in a part of their household provisions on the present Interesting Emergency, the stay of the Troops is expected to be not more then three or four days the Salt provisions they have with them must be preserved for their embarkation therefore it is expected (as much depends on the Success of the present Expedition) that every Inhabitant will contribute all in their power according to their circumstances for which they shall be allowed a generous price in the first payment of their Tax, several Inhabitants of this Village have generously thrown in more then their circumstances would admit of.

H. Hollingsworth Receiver for the State
Head of Elk 4th March 1781

[Stephen Steward, West River, to the Council.]

March 7
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Letter 52

Agreabel to your Desier I have Strove all that in my Power to send off vessels to the Head of the Bay to take In the troops the People Pay but littel Regard to your warent a very fine schooner belonging to M^r Letch lying In Herring bay that would Carry at les^t from 70 to 80 souldiers without Bagage avoids going as M^r Letch had Dun In the same manner when you was sending Down troops last Sumer som young men I have had Prest to go In vessels to git them away Retuses going If none is to go In to the Stae Serviss but what chuses themselves I think If Ever you should want vessels and men again, you will git none with out you will make Exampels M^r David Weems sent up his schooner Cherfully with a Negro Skiper as no whit man would go I have likewise sent off my old Sloop with a very valubell Negro which must be taken out as the sloop Coms Down I have had two or three young fellows Prest In the nabourhood that I might have kept my Negro back but it answered no End I harlly wish to see the law Put Into Execution If any I have offer to find the vessels Provetion

[And. Buchanan, W^m Spear, John Moale, to His Excellency Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r]

March 8

M^r Richard Owings Collector of Delaware Hundred having very lately return'd the Commissioners of the Tax, a Number of Persons Omitted to be Assessed by Christopher Owings the Assessor of the same Hundred and have received the Commissioners orders to Collect the Taxes from them Acquaint us he is not in Arrears Except from those Persons mentioned above and as he has not yet had Time, he ought to be longer Indulged.