

I do not intend from this representation that the Merchants shou'd furnish the Enterprize with every thing that is to be procur'd from Baltimore, at their private expence. I wou'd only propose to your consideration the propriety of forming a Committee out of your body for the purpose of giving effect & furtherance to the measure taken by the Public to such a point as you may judge proper, or as may be done without material injury to Yourselves

Ibid.
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The Marquis cannot write you himself in the first instance not before he knows Your disposition or arrangements. If you do any thing I beg it may be instant, that we may have it to say to ourselves the expedition has not fail'd for want of what support we cou'd give it. As it is probable another Detachment will follow this we shall want more Vessels, your assistance may also become essential during the whole course of our operations.

[Jos^a Beall, Lieu^t P^s G^s C^{ty} to His Excellency,
Thomas Simm Lee Esq^r]

March 11

I received Yours with the precepts for Garland Callis and Overton Carr yesterday evening, This Will be delivered you By Capⁿ William Bene together with all the papers wee could find having searched or rather Examined their Deskes which they very readily opened those belonging to Calless, are inclosed in paper by themselves Those belonging to Calliss is sealed up by themselves. I shuld have come up with those men myself but am obliged to Attend at Nottingham To morrah agreeable to my own Advertisement for receiving the money from those who did not find their Substitutes in our last Clases which I hope will be Admitted as a sufficient Excuse for my not Attending in person.

[G^o Washington, New Port, to Marquis de Lafayette,
Elk River, Md.]

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I do my Self the honor to inform your Excellency That I arrived here on the 6th in Consequence of previous Arrangements between the Count de Rochambeau & my Self. I found between Eleven & twelve hundred of the French Granadeers And Infantry allready embarked & the fleet nearly ready to Sail. They however did not put to Sea untill the Evening of the 8th

By advice from New London the Brittish Which was in Gardners Bay did the same Yesterday Morning. With their whole Force, they gave Out they were bound for Cheseapeake

I have the Honour to be with the Greatest Respect Your Excellencys Most Obe^t Hum. Serv^t