

April 4 [Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to the Governor and Council.]
Favoured by Capt. Keepot

My last to you was the 21st Ult^o p M^r Smith since which am without any of your favors.

I was in hopes by this time to have been able to give your Hon^{ble} Board a particular acco^t of the prospects there was of collecting Provisions on this shore but as yet the County Commissaries have not made returns. However by what I can learn there will be little or no Meat paid in, and I know not what will be done for that article, The consumption at this Post alone has been from 8 to 10000 lbs p Month for some time past and I have not one shilling to purchase that or any other article therefore most earnestly request you will if possible send me some or an order on our Collector who will probably be able to pay it

I would have done myself the Honor to have waited on you myself this week to consult about the means of procuring such articles of Provisions &c^a as may not be paid in for Taxes and the collecting to Magazines those that are but understand the Marquis De La Fayette Detachm^t are to pass through here on their way to the Northward therefore think it will be improper for me to be from home at that time

April 4 [Legh Masters, To His Excell^y y^l Governor & the Hon^{ble}
The Council]

I hope your Excellence & The Hon^{ble} Council will not think me impertinent in making this further application to beg you will allow me to return back to New Providence I shd not have been thus troublesome if I had not imagined that my last letter of 26th ult. had not from y^l Variety of Business slipt your memory. As I am circumstanced in being obliged to return so soon (for there is no venturing to stay longer than the fall; so precarious is it to get into this Bay after Christmas) makes me hope that your Honours will give me permission to sail which will greatly oblige

April 4 [James McHenry, Baltimore, to His Excellency Governor Lee.]
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I believe I mentioned confidentially to your Excellency that the Pennsylvania line was intended to reinforce the Southern Army. It is now collecting at Philadelphia under the Generals S^t Clair and Wayne. I do not learn how many have got together; but be the number what it will, they neither are nor can be of any service at Philadelphia. The situation of Annapolis and Baltimore encourages the use of expedients, however momentary that relief which they afford. If these Towns could be made the rendezvous for the troops, it would give them a present protection; render calling in the Militia unnecessary, while it offered to government an opportunity for carrying into effect its plans for the defence of the sea-board at large.