

Lansdale's Boy is just come & confirms the proceedings, & says, if the Militia had 19 pounder they cou'd take the (60 Gun) ship that is still aground—it is said our People have sent to George Town for a piece of Cannon—the Enemy are industriously lightening the Ship—If you think it worth your time to examine the Boy he can inform you further—but perhaps you have much better intelligence than I have—I thought it however my duty to mention what has occurred.

April 12
Thursday
12 o'Clock

[H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency the Governor & Council.]

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And please your Excell^{cy} & Honours I did myself the honour of writing you on the 11th Informing the prospect I had of provisions from the County Commissarys of this Shore, since which I have received nineteen head of Fat Cattle of Joseph Bruff Esq^r which were forwarded to the Marquises detachment immediately (which then lay at Susquehanna) I then informed that I apprehended great difficulty in executing your orders regarding the removing the Stores and provisions from the Head of Chester to this place, as the Marquises detachment had impressed all the Teams and horses in this neighbored, and as my utmost exertion has been used since to obtain a Brigade of Teams without effect; I am now constrained to sollicite your Excellency and honours that the Teams impress'd from this Neighbourhood be returned from Baltimore as soon as possible as I have no prospect of executing your orders regarding the removeing the provisions without them, there being no Teams below, nor any here but what are gone with the detachment. I am emboldened thus to intreat your Honourable Board, as I flatter myself Teams can be had in Baltimore Town and county, for the use of the detachment.

I have wrote the several Commissarys below the Head of Chester to have their provisions properly put up and removed to that place, have given orders to two Vessels to attend as near that place as the depth of the water will admit of, as the prospect of Teams is so discourageing, if any danger appears from the Enemys Vessels I must Intreat that I be informed of it, and I shall order these Vessels to the Head of the River great complaints are made by the commissarys below for want of Teams to collect the provisions I have applied to M^r Williams to purchase the Forage as p your request, in answer to which he intreats me to write you for money to enable him to comply with your order, and as I am obliged to hire Teams, Vessels, Coopers, nails &c^a must earnestly request that an order on the Eastern Shore Treasury be sent to M^r Williams, and one to myself to enable us to execute your orders in purchasing Forage and forwarding the Provisions, Inclosed M^r Tench Francis Certificate regarding the Purchase of flour for the Bank in my last,