

Hampton July 31. 1781 July 31
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The Fleet weighed this morning from Cape Henry and stood up the Bay; tis certain they are bound to Baltimore (40 sail in number with several large Barges full of Troops) remains in the Road 2 men of War 8 sail other Vessels. By a Man from Portsmouth last night am informed Cornwallis is still at Portsmouth with part of his Troops. I think the above Fleet must contain near 3000 men and 200 Horse

I am S^r

James Barron, Commodore

Marquiss la Fayette

Hampton July 31. 1781

The Fleet weighed this morning at Sunrise and stood up the Bay about 15 miles the wind & tide being ahead they anchored off Cherry-stones They are certainly bound to Baltimore. By a Person from Portsmouth last night are informed Lord Cornwallis and some Troops are at Portsmouth

I am &c

James Barron Com^{rn}

Marquiss La Fayette

Ex of Letters from M^r McHenry to his Excellency Governor Lee August 1
[copy]
dated Melvern Hill 1st August

The whole Army, that which is on the south side of James River and that which is on this side, will be in motion to day towards Fredricksburgh or for your Support—

Extract of a Letter from same person dated same day

The case of difficulty is nearly decided. The British appear determined to try our Spirit and Patriotism. Maryland cannot keep her ground at first; but let me prognosticate, that the event will be different from the Enemies expectations

The levies which the Marquis has ordered on are to be stopped, and applied as your Excellency will perceive by the inclosed letter which is left open for your perusal. General Gist goes to Baltimore— The officer who carries it has instructions in case he should meet the levies to return them to Maryland—

At this moment it is impossible for me to say what succour you can have from this Army; but you shall soon know—

[James Murray, Cambridge, to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee] August 1

I am solicited by M^{rs} M. Hughes Wid^o of the late Rev^d Philip Hughes to apply to y^r Excell^y & Hon^{rs} for Permission to let her go to New York to see her Children. She is at this Time in the Jerseys with her Sister who is marr^d to a Col^o Vanhorn, She informs