

[Samuel Gilpin, Cecil County to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee] August 6

I rec^d yours this day requesting me to forward the Teams procured in order to remove the publick Stores &c. I suppose there must be a Mistake in the Direction of y^r letter to me, as I had not the honour to be Appointed in the law for that purpose suppose it must have been Intended for Major Sam^l Maffitt, and have took the liberty to Inform Accordingly.

[Lafayette, New Castle, to His Excellency, Governor Lee.]

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In my last dispatch to your Excellency I inclosed you a report from Commodore Baron of the Naval movement of the enemy, of which Baltimore was supposed to be the object. But instead of proceeding up the Bay the fleet stood into York river. The troops have been landed, and are fortifying on the Gloucester side. York town is made a place of arms. Lord Cornwallis is present and has with him his whole force except the garrison of Portsmouth.

From my intelligence it appears, that a principal part of this fleet was originally intended for New York but in consequence of the arrival of a vessel with letters from Gen: Clinton its sailings was suspended and the present arrangement of the whole succeeded.

Maryland being thus relieved I have to request your Excellency to give the most instant orders for the march of the levies. I need not mention to you the small force, we have to oppose to Lord Cornwallis's command; or what may be the consequences should we not be reinforced. That I may be inabled to regulate my motions upon certainties, I pray your Excellency to informe me, what number of levies you expect to have together in some given time; and when and where the select body of Militia is to rendezvous. I wish also to be acquainted with the progress made in the collection of cavalry and draught horses, and whether you have agreed upon their appropriation

[Lafayette, New Castle, to General Gist.]

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Since my last letter to you, through M^r M^c Henry inclosing Commodore Barrons report, the fleet spoken of entered York River, and landed their troops—they are fortifying on the Gloucester side and have made a place of arms of York. Lord Cornwallis is present with his whole army, the Garrison of Portsmouth excepted.

It appears that a part of this fleet was originally intended for New York; but a dispatch arriving from General Clinton produced the Present arrangement. It is very essential to your Safety that we should be in force here—for this purpose I have ordered on all the levies with the utmost expedition. But I would beg leave to observe that Maryland might make some dispositions for her own defence. The enemy do not lose sight of Baltimore; and they may only wait