

March 1

[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to the Governor and Council.]
(Han^d by Col^o Ramsey)

I rec^d your favor of yesterday, all the Vessel, at this place had been secured by Gen^l Gist and the Quarter Master before your letter came to hand. The Bread shall be sent forward at least as much as with the quantity Col^o Hollingsworth has already at Elk will make up the 600 Barrels, but it will be impossible to send any Salt Meat from this Post there being little or none here. I have wrote M^r Dal-lam of Harford that if he has any to forward it immediately to Elk.

As the procuring Vessels & carriages from this place is the particular business of the Continental Quarter Master hope the Council will not expect me to do anything in that way as besides the impropriety of my acting in that Department it would be incurring an unnecessary expence to the State and more likely to give offence to the owners of Vessels than if executed by the Officer whose particular duty it is

March 1 [Benj. Cawood, Charles County To Benjamin Harwood, Annapolis]
(fav^d by Mr. Latimer)

On the 22^d February, I Received your favour of the 9th Same Month, Wherein you were kind enough to Acquaint me of the resolve of the last Session of Assembly, the time Expired before your Letter Came to hand, Notwithstanding I have fully attended to the contents, and have sent you a Considerable payment by the Bearer M^r Rand. B. Latimer who can Assert to you many Good Reasons why my Acc^t is not fully Setled on your Books—therefore if my bond is not already put in force; I beg you'll do all in your Power to Prevent it, as you may Depend I shall Exert every Measure to Settle my Acc^t Also you may depend on a Large payment in a few days from this.

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[Lafayette, Head of Elk, to Gov. Lee.]

I have received your Excellencys Letter of the 5th ins^t and for the assurances it contains, beg leave to offer my very respectfull acknowledgements.

If in the course of to-morrow, we can get a sufficiency of Vessels, I intend to embark the Troops immediately, but upon the intelligence we receive of British Privateers being in the Bay, I more than ever feel the want of an armed force for our security.

By a Letter from Baron De Stuvens, I find he was not gone with the Detachment sent to the Southward, that General Officer is now preparing matters for the expedition, and as I expect also to hear from a Naval Officer in the same quarter, I beg leave to request that any dispatch be sent to me with the greatest rapidity.