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[Council to The Chevalier De Chastellux]

We are honored with your Address of the 14th July and can assure your Excellency we shall always be happy in having it in our Power to contribute to the Assistance of the Army of our illustrious Ally, and demonstrating our inviolable Attachment to his Interest, and have, with the greatest Chearfulness, complied with your Requests, in giving full Powers to M^r Golder to provide proper Quarters for the General Officers and the Establishments necessary for the Subsistence of the Troops, and to procure Vessels, Boats and Carriages Drivers and Hands for the Transportation of your Baggage, by Impress, if they cannot be otherwise obtained. Should your Excellency stand in Need of any other Aid on your March, or during your Stay in the State, it will give us particular Pleasure to render it. M^r Golder will follow your Express in a few Hours.

Ibid.

[Council to Chevalier D'Anmaurs]

We have the Honor of your Letter of the 11th Instant and much Regret that Circumstances were so urgent as to deprive us of the Pleasure of his Excell^y the Count Rochambeau's intended Visit, on his Way to Philadelphia. No Mode occurs to us, of making suitable Accommodation for the Officers of his most Christian Majesty's Army, while they remain in Baltimore Town, so proper as the one you have suggested, of employing a Person to procure Houses or Rooms for them; and we have therefore appointed M^r Archibald Golder, a Gentleman who we trust will make such Provision as will be most agreeable to them. We are much obliged to you for the Information of the Enemy's Barges in the Bay; the General's Observation is very just, and we hope to have four Barges in Readiness in a few Days to go in Quest of these Piccaroons.

[Council to Capt. Archibald Golder]

We have appointed you to provide Quarters for the French Army on their March through, and during their Stay in this State, and to procure Waggons, Carts, Teams and Drivers, Vessels and Hands, for the Carriage and Transportation of their Baggage through the State. You are to endeavour to rent proper and suitable Houses and Rooms for such Officers and Persons as the Commanding Officer shall direct, and in Case the Owners of the said Houses and Rooms will not consent to rent them for a liberal Price, you must pursue the Directions of the Act for quartering Soldiers, a Copy of which you have enclosed; and if Carriages, Teams and Drivers, Vessels and Hands cannot be procured on Hire; We do hereby give you full and ample Power and Authority to impress the same, and do direct you to give the Owners of the said Carriages and Vessels, Certificates expressing the Time they were employed in such Service, which shall