

In Council Annapolis 20th May 1778.

236. Sir. We send you by your Brother the four thousand Dollars as you desire. We have great Difficulties in procuring Craft for the Transportation of Provisions, the first we can command on that service, we shall send round to Patowmack, with Orders to take what you have on that River; which lies convenient to Patowmack, has best be sent to convenient Landings there but, if you have an Opportunity, we wish you in the mean Time to hire a Vessel and send forward the Provisions, inclusive of the Park from Patowmack, addressed to Col^o Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk. If we should send a Vessel round at the same Time, there will be no great Disappointment, as she may carry Fish or other Provisions from above or below you.

We are &c.

Mr Thomas Lagett }
Secretary }

In Council 20th May 1778.

237. Sir. This will be delivered to you by Lieut. Hanson of the Galley Independence; he goes to Cambridge for the Tents, Blankets &c. belonging to the Continent, lodged there and for the Substitutes and Recruits from Somerset, who are expected to be there. We shall be obliged to you to deliver the Goods to Mr Hanson who will transport them to the Head of Elk and there deliver them to Col^o Hollingsworth, to be sent forward.

Col^o Harrison, Cambridge.

We are &c.

Lt. Hanson.

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238. You are to proceed to Cambridge, in the Galley Independence and apply to Col^o Harrison for the Goods lodged there belonging to the Congress, which you will receive and deliver to Col^o Henry Hollingsworth, at the Head of Elk. The Blankets, we are informed, belong to Virginia, of which acquaint Col^o Hollingsworth, that he may dispose of them accordingly. A Number of Recruits are expected at Cambridge, from Somerset County; you are to carry them to the Head of Elk; if the Recruits should not be at Cambridge sooner, you will wait two Days for them, but not longer. Mr Thomas takes this Opportunity of going over the Bay, you'll get him on Shore at Oxford, or where else he pleases.

Lieut. Hanson.