

from the Detachment of Virginia a Detachment of about twelve
hundred of these Troops (including the Officers) consisting of
British and another Detachment for the Detachment and are to
remain at the Detachment of the Detachment. We request
us to know what Measures have been taken for accommo-
dating them in this State, and say the Detachment collected
on their March is nearly exhausted and will be confined
in a few Days; they are so distressed for want of Shoes
(and other Cloathing that they cannot return to Charlotte
Village, but the Difficulty of providing for them here has
ever so great, we are well convinced they cannot be
sheltered or subsisted at Fort Frederick, the Place assigned
for their Reception when removed from Virginia, and if
sent thither the unavoidable Consequences will be that
they will be dispersed about the Country, and many will
escape to the Enemy. The Barracks at Frederick Town are
unfinished but if put in proper Condition would accommodate
with Convenience five hundred. We have not Provisions
to feed these Troops nor can we they be procured in
Time, unless we are supplied with Continental Money,
and then we shall meet with Difficulties in getting Beef
and Pork. We request the General Assembly would direct
where and in what Manner Barracks are to be provided
for these Troops, and that such effectual Measures be
adopted as will enable us to subsist them until Orders
are received for their Removal. Colonel Wood waits the
Determination of the General Assembly and the Situation
of the Troops renders him very anxious to return as
quick as possible.

General Assembly.

In Council 6th December 1780.

Sir

Enclosed is a Permit for the Brigantine Ranger to load with
Flour on account of his Catholic Majesty. We are willing to take
on account of the State any Flour which may be brought in