

N^o 905. General Court against the several Collectors, and their Securities, who appear by the enclosed List of Balances obtained from the Treasurers of the Western Shore to be in arrear to the State. We have writs to the Commissioners of those Counties, who have neglected to make returns to the Treasurers to do it instantly.

Luther Martin Esq.

In Council, 26th Feb. 1781.

206. Sir, Though we have not been favored with any authentic Intelligence of the Situation of Virginia yet, what we have obtained convinces us that every essential Service could be rendered by sending to their Succour all the regular Soldiers in this State that can be expeditiously collected. Our wish to give every Aid to Virginia at this trying Emergency, and Conviction that very important Consequences will result from it induces us to request you would have all the regular Soldiers in this State assembled immediately and put in Readiness to be transported in Vessels, which we will order to be procured here and at Baltimore as soon as you intimate to us your Acquiescence in what we have proposed. We think some of the experienced Supernumerary Officers ^{in this State} would ~~be~~ very serviceable in Virginia.

General Gist.

In Council, 27. Feb. 1781.

Sir, We have just received the Resolution of Congress of the 20th Instant recommending it to the Executives of the States of Delaware Maryland Virginia and North Carolina to agree upon and settle an arrangement for supplying the Southern Army with Provisions from the States most contiguous and for replacing the same with Provisions from those that are more remote, and to establish such Modes of Transportation as will be most convenient and least expensive to the whole. It is our Desire that some Place in Virginia should be immediately agreed on and assigned for depositing the Quota of Provisions which we ~~are~~ are called upon