

to supply the Southern Army. In establishing which we think the  
mutual Law and Commerce of both States should be advanc'd to and  
207. none has occur'd to us so suitable as Alexandria. If your Excellency  
should concur with us in Opinion, Alexandria may be established  
and you will have a proper Person appointed to receive at that  
Place the Provisions which we may be able to forward. Your  
Excellency will communicate your Sentiments on this Subject as  
near as possible and in the mean Time we shall be preparing  
to comply fully with the Recommendations of Congress. We are  
anxious to be inform'd of the present Situation of Virginia, many  
reports have been circulating here but none so authentic as to deserve  
entire Confidence.

Governor Jefferson.

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In Council, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1781.

Sir, From the present Arrangement for Supplies, it is necessary  
that we should have an accurate return of <sup>all</sup> the Provisions pro-  
208. cured under your former Appointments of Commissary. we  
therefore request you to transmit us a Return immediately  
of the Provision of all kinds procured by you, specifying  
where deposited and delivered.

Circular to the Commissaries of the Counties

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In Council, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1781.

Sir, We wrote you on the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant to transmit to us a list of all the  
Collectors on your Shores who appear'd to be <sup>in</sup> process with the State, as we  
209. have not received it, we request you to forward it immediately, that the  
Resolution of the General Assembly of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant may be carried  
into Execution and the Collectors compelled to pay in their respective  
Balances. We also request you to send to the Treasurer of this Shore  
any Money in Tobacco you may have received for the State.

Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.

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In Council, 28 Feb. 1781.

Sir, We just received yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> by Mr. Wright and have  
dispatched one of our fast Sailing Boats with the Letters, and