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have empowered and requested Mr. Calhoun to have all the Vessels at Baltimore Town immediately imprefed and sent to the Head of Elk, in some of which you will receive six hundred Barrels of Bread and what Salt Provision Mr. Calhoun can procure in Baltimore. We have enclosed you a Warrant, to impref what Carriages, Teams and Drivers you may think necessary, for removing the Cannon and Stores across from Christown. We have ordered all Vessels from this Place and Baltimore to be imprefed for that Service and we have added a Power in the Warrant for you or your Deputy to impref any others which you can obtain.

Mr. Donaldson Yeates.

In Council, 28 Feb. 1781.

211. Sir, It is indispensably necessary that all the Vessels at Baltimore with their Hands should be instantly imprefed and sent to the Head of Elk to transport a Detachment of fifteen hundred Troops under the Command of the Marquis De la Fayette with their Artillery Baggage &c from thence to Virginia, and we do therefore hereby empower and request you to have them imprefed and forwarded immediately for the above Purpose. To prevent any Dissatisfaction that might otherwise arise from this Measure, you may intimate the absolute Necessity of it to the Owners and inform them full Compensation will be made for the use of their Vessels and in case of loss they will be indemnified. And it is necessary to supply the Troops with Provisions, we desire you to apply to our Agent Mr. Donellan for six hundred Barrels of Bread to be sent to Elk in the imprefed Vessels. We believe Mr. Donellan has that Quantity and more ready, but should it happen otherwise. We request you to apply to Mr. Smith for as much as will make up the Deficiency. He offered a Quantity to us some Time ago and what we want we will take upon the Terms he offered and we hope and expect that if it should be wanted he will let you have it at this pressing Occasion. You will also send what Salt Provision you have or that may be in the Possession of Mr. Donellan to be delivered to Mr. Yeates at the Head of