

In Council, 7th March, 1781.

N^o. 241. Sir, We request you to order all the Vessels in this Harbour, which are to be under your Command, to proceed immediately and without Delay to the Head of Elk; no Time must be lost, Provisions and every thing necessary must be drawn ^{immediately}; You will keep one or two of the swift sailing Vessels constantly before and behind to prevent any of the others running away.
 Officer commanding the Vessels in this Harbour.

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242. Sir, We request you to forward three hundred Barrels of Bread, (besides the 600 heretofore ordered) to the Head of Elk for the Troops under the Command Marquis. You will apply to Mr. Donellan and if he has not that Quantity ready, you can what may be wanting of William Smith Esq. either by Loan or Purchase.
 James Calhoun Esq.

In Council, 5th March, 1781.

243. Sir, Finding it impracticable to procure an immediate Supply of Provision of the Meat kind to carry into Effect the present important expedition without the Exercise of the extraordinary Powers with which we are invested and having been informed that the Object of the Expedition will in all Probability be frustrated unless every Assistance is instantly afforded to enable the Detachment to move forward. We do therefore upon this Emergency authorize and earnestly request you to seize or cause to be seized 15000 of Fresh Provisions Salt and and Fresh being a proportion of which is necessary for the Consumption of a Detachment of 1500 Men from the main Army under the Marquis de la Fayette going on an expedition against General Arnold; such a Quantity of Fresh Proportions Salt and Fresh as will be necessary for the Consumption of 1500 Men for thirty Days. If the Owners of the Beavers prefer keeping the fifth Quarter and will have them immediately killed and ~~the~~ the Meat sent