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to Mr. Pow to be transported down the Bay for the use of the Detachment
commanded by the Marquis Fayette
James Calhoun Esq.

In Council, 20th March, 1781.

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Sir, By a resolution of Congress of the 3^d Instant, we are requested to super-
intend the removal and safe keeping of the Germans from Annapolis Ferry
on Patomack River to Lancaster in Pennsylvania and also to superintend
the removal and safe keeping of the Convention Troops at Frederick Town
from that Place to York Town in Pennsylvania. The State of Maryland
is to furnish the whole with Supplies through the State to the Borders of
Pennsylvania and then they are to be supplied by that State who have
Notice of the said resolution, and are desired to make the necessary Prepa-
rations for the reception of the Prisoners at the Towns aforesaid as aforesaid
You will call on Mr. Muddock for such Supplies as may be necessary.

By a letter from the President of Congress and another from the Governor
of Virginia the Prisoners taken at the Cowpens are on their way to
Annapolis Ferry and must be guarded and supplied through the State in
the same Manner as the others. We think it will be best to provide three
distinct Guards. The Company acting as a Guard at Frederick Town will
be sufficient for the removal and safe keeping of the Convention Troops
now there. A Guard consisting of one hundred and fifty Men under the
Command of a vigilant trusty Officer will be necessary for the removal
of the Troops at Annapolis Ferry; and the like Number of one hundred
and fifty will be necessary to guard the Prisoners taken at the Cowpens.
We apprehend every possible Attempt will be made by the last mentioned
Prisoners to escape from the Guard and therefore every Precaution must be
taken to prevent it and rely on your Prudence and good Management
in appointing fit and proper Officers and doing every thing else that may
occur to you to be necessary; You will call on the Lieutenants of Montgomery
and Washington for such aid as you may think requisite and if you
should deem Guards assigned but insufficient you will add to them
in such manner as you may judge proper. We have written letters to
the Lieutenants of Washington and Montgomery desiring them to furnish
such a Number of Men as you may require. We acknowledge the Receipt of
your letter and have appointed Capt. Montgomery Bailey to receive and take care of
the recruits passed in your County.

Philip Thomas Esq.