

N^o. 291. (The Horses to remain at Battersea subject to the same Orders) also twenty
 five strong draught Horses and five riding Horses to be sent to the Indian
 landing with the ~~to~~ Waggon and Teams &c.
 W. David Poe.

In Council, 30 March, 1781.

292. Sir, There is a pressing & Occasion for a considerable Number of
 Teams to transport the Cannon Stores and Baggage of the
 Detachment commanded by the Marquis Fayette. We therefore request
 and authorize you to impress fifteen Waggon and Teams with
 Drivers for the purposes abovementioned; the Waggon and Teams are
 to be immediately sent to the Indian landing at the Head of Severn,
 also ~~to~~ fourteen draught Horses and five road Horses to be sent
 to the Indian landing.

W. John Bullen

In Council, 30th. March, 1781.

293. Sir, We think with you that the recruits to be raised by this State
 will be better disciplined and more serviceable in case of an Invasion
 if only five places of Rendezvous are established than they could possibly
 be if dispersed in every County, and have appointed the Places and
 classed the Counties in the manner mentioned by you in the list
 sent; except the small addition of Port Tobacco to upper Marlborough
 where Mr. Joseph Walker is already appointed and a House and necessaries
 provided; that Place we apprehend will be more convenient in many
 respects and much nearer to Annapolis, and Alexandria in case the
 Troops should be added to either. We approve of the measure of the Sea
 Captains and Inhabitants of Falls Point having formed themselves into
 a Company of Matroses and have appointed and commissioned the
 Officers elected by them.

General Gist.

In Council 30th. March, 1781.

294. Sir, The Col^l Commandant of the Detachment here that was destined
 for Portsmouth has received Orders to be in readiness to move at a
 moment's warning and the necessary Preparations are making for