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Affidance in obviating every Diffculty that may arise to prevent
N^o. 3113. Your Departure. Enclosed you have an Order to the Collector of
Fredericks County for one thousand Dollars of the new Confiscation.
If you cannot procure Provisions or Purchase or Waggon with Teams
and Drivers or Hies for the use of, and to assist in the Removal of
the Convention Troops we hereby ~~do~~ empower you to impel
what may be necessary.

W^m George Mendenhall.

In Council, 10th April, 1781.

1st, We have wrote to Col. Wood to give you the Command of
the Prisoners ordered into confinement at Fort Frederick, we hope
and expect our Recommendation will have the desired Effect,
3114. Should you be appointed to the Command we request you to
take the Direction of such Militia as may be ordered to
guard them, and hereby in fact do direct all Militia
Officers, and Militia Men acting as Guards over them to obey
your Orders which we have no Doubt they will most cheer-
fully do. In case you ~~shall~~ should not be able to procure
Waggon at a reasonable Price ~~and~~ we by this empower
you to impel such Waggon Teams and Drivers as may
be necessary for the Carriage of Provisions and Fuel
for the Prisoners who are or may hereafter be ordered
in your Charge.

Col. Rawlings.

In Council, 10th April, 1781.

2nd We expected before we received yours of the 7th Instant that the
Convention Troops were on their attack to Fort Frederick, indeed such
is the complexion of Affairs that we think their Removal ought
not to be deferred a moment under any Protest whatever and therefore
most earnestly solicit you to have them sent on immediately without
regarding Difficulties that may hereafter occur at that Post. W^m
Mendenhall is well supplied with Provisions and will furnish what
is necessary for the Guard and the Prisoners on their way; to
enable you to bear the Expences of the Officer to be sent with