

by which means they have notice of all ~~the~~ Preparations and Movements.
It is our Desire that Examples should be made of them in the special manner
showing detached. We have directed the Lieutenant of Harford County
to go to Gun Powder Creek, and make immediate Inquiry after ~~Major~~
~~Mr~~ M^r Pherson, that Part of the County is well affected and we think
you need not be uneasy about his Safety; a Letter from a Gentleman
of Alexandria made at 7 o'clock yesterday morning informs us that the
Enemy are moving up Patowmack in considerable Force consisting of eight
Regiments of various Sizes, that the last Accounts say they are above Drum
Springs and that they have no Doubt but that they are intended against
Alexandria, whose very Location is making to oppose them, we shall
give you minute speedy and frequent Intelligence of every Movement
and Design of the Enemy as soon as it is obtained.

Marquis La Fayette.

In Council, 12th April, 1781.

360 Sir, (The Detachment under the Marquis Fayette is on its way from Elk
to the Southward, and is to take Baltimore in their ~~own~~ Route a Number
of Waggon Teams and Drivers with Horses will be wanting to receive those
brought from Elk and to transport the Artillery Stores and Baggage,
we cannot ascertain the Number necessary but expect the Marquis
will send an Officer forward to have them ready and therefore desire and
authorise you to impress such Numbers of Waggon Teams and Drivers
and Horses as the Marquis may order.

David Poole Esq.

In Council, 12th April, 1781.

361 Sir, We request you will forward immediately six Barrels of Musquet Pow-
der to the Head of Elk River, which is to be delivered to Capt. Philemon Hearsey
in complying with this Order you will take care not to leave the Magazine
at Baltimore destitute of musquet Powder, and if this Order will compre-
hend all you have, you will ~~forward~~ diminish the Quantity to the least.
You will send us a Return of the Powder &c. under your care distinguishing
the musquet from the Cannon Powder.

Capt. Hearsey.