

Letters, to all the Lieutenants to have the Militia in readiness to march at a moments warning, also to have all the Arms capable of Service collected and repaired. By certain Intelligence from Frederick Town your wayne with at least one thousand Infantry and one hundred Cavalry marched from thence yesterday morning on his way to Alexandria.

President of the Special Council.

In Council, 1st June, 1781.

Sir, (The general Assembly have pointed out the immediate Necessity
 N^o. 496. of removing the Convention Troops from this State, we have voted on
 this to our Delegates in Congress that Measures may be taken
 by the Board of War and the Government of Pennsylvania for
 their reception. It will be necessary for some vigilant and discreet
 Person to attend and supply the Troops and Guard with Provisions
 on their March, we have therefore appointed you to execute this
 Business, and hereby authorize and appoint you to seize if not to be
 procured otherwise, as much Provisions as may be necessary for the
 purpose. We have informed Colo Wood of this your Appointment
 to whom we refer you for more particular Directions. We depend
 on your exerting your self on this Occasion which is so necessary,
 and you may rely that we shall make you Satisfaction adequate
 to the Trouble you will have.

Colo Thomas Price.

In Council, 1st June, 1781.

Sir, (The Enemy under the Command of Lord Cornwallis are making a rapid
 Progress through the State of Virginia and Lest it is said is con-
 sidered ^{with view of not being supported} by the House Patowmack to cooperate with Cornwallis. The
 general Assembly of this State now convened considering the delicate
 Situation thereof, and the Impracticability of securing the
 British Prisoners confined under the Articles of Convention in
 case the Enemy should invade this State have requested us by
 their Resolution of this Day to write to you that they think
 it highly improper under present Circumstances that the
 British Prisoners should be continued in this State