

In Council, 22<sup>d</sup> June, 1781.

Sir,  
 Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> we have received, and as we are not acquainted  
 N<sup>o</sup> 577 with the Circumstances of the Goods must refer you to the Law for  
 your Guide, we are pleased to hear that the Inhabitants of your  
 County, part with their Cattle with Chearfulness, we do not think  
 it proper at this time to enlarge the Order, In Case of Invasion  
 the Lieutenant of the County has full Powers to remove all the  
 Stock exposed to the Enemy.

Capt Joseph Stacks.

In Council, 23<sup>d</sup> June, 1781.

Sir,  
 We are sending the Boat Plator Capt Middleton to  
 Patuxent to bring up some Provisions from thence. If you will  
 578. be so obliging, as to furnish ten or twelve Men, it will be of singu-  
 lar Service in securing the Boat and Provisions from any Attempt of  
 the Enemy's Barges. This is writte at the Governour Request.

Genl Smallwoods.

In Council, 23<sup>d</sup> June, 1781.

Sir,  
 We were favored with your Letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant and  
 approve of your Conduct in not obeying the requests of general Weedon  
 before you had an Order, considering the particular and critical Situ-  
 ations of the State of Virginia at this Time invaded by a very power-  
 ful Army composed of a considerable Body of Cavalry and four or  
 579. five thousand Infantry. we think our Safety and the Duty we owe a  
 Sister State call on us to afford the Marquis what Aid we can and  
 our Conviction that the Horse under your Command will be very  
 useful and render great and eminent Services induces us to order  
 you to march immediately into Virginia, and put yourself under  
 the Command of the Marquis and so remain until our further  
 Order is communicated to you. It will be proper to have all the  
 Horses valued by indifferent and skilful Persons and the Valua-  
 tions transmitted to this Board, to be laid before the general  
 Assembly, who we doubt not, will make full Compensation to  
 those whose Horses are killed or injured, Genl Smallwoods  
 has spared us eight Camp Kettles which we now send you.

Capt Nicholas Ruston Moore.