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under the command of Col. Adams, and we flatter ourselves they will
be as very acceptable useful Succours. It would make us happy to be
frequently apprized of the Movements; Conduct and Designs of the Enemy, They
formerly is up and abandoned the Design of raising a Regiment of Blacks
if the Assembly had adopted that Plan of Defence, we should have paid
the greatest Defiance to your recommendation of Major M^r Pherson.
Marquis Le Fayette.

606. Sir, In Council, 3^d July, 1781.
Your Commission Instructions and other Papers that relate to
the Business entrusted to your Negotiation are prepared. We think it
absolutely necessary you should immediately return to the State that
you may adjust your Affairs and prosecute your intended
Voyage to Europe. Agreeable to the Propositions you made to this
Board, we have voted to Capt. Moore on the Subject.
Matthew Ridley Esq:

607. Sir, In Council, 3^d July, 1781.
We some Time ago appointed Matthew Ridley Esq: Agent
for the State for the Purpose of obtaining in Europe a Loan of Money
Arms Ammunition and Cloathing, which Appointment has been
confirmed by the General Assembly, his Commission and all the
necessary Papers prepared, and we think it absolutely necessary he
should immediately return to the State, and prosecute his Voyage, and
therefore request you should discharge him, and communicate the Reason
to the Gentlemen under your Command.
Capt. Nicholas Moore.

608. Sir, In Council, 3^d July, 1781.
The general Assembly not having any particular Notice of the Contract
made with you, leaves us at Liberty and we are willing to release you
from it on your paying for the Transportation of the Cannon to Baltimore
Town and the Expence of moving them, unless the Purchaser from you
shall have them again proved, then the Expence of proving them
to be given up.
Samuel Hughes Esq: