

which we wish to prevent in future, and request you to inquire into
the State of the Magazines of Provisions at all Ports where there are Stores
and keep them regularly and constantly supplied.

James Falkner Esq.

In Council, 10th Aug. 1781.

Sir,

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We have the Honor to enclose Copies of Letters this Day received.
The pressing Demands for Horses induce us to solicit your Board to
give every Aid to the Collectors on the Eastern Shore to procure them, we
are informed that in many Counties few are collected, and unless every
County furnishes the Number lately ascertained by this Board, the
Service must be materially injured. We beg Leave also to request you
to assist and direct the Lieutenants of the several Counties to forward
immediately the Recruits Draughts &c. raised under the late Law
Presidently of the Special Council.

In Council, 10th Aug. 1781.

Sir,

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By Letters from the Marquis de la Fayette and from Mr. de
Henry his Aid de Camp dated at New Castle the 6th Current we are
informed that the British Troops are landing at York or Glouster, and
fortifying on the Glouster Side, and York is to be a place of Arms.
Lord Cornwallis is in York River he has with him the whole Detach-
ment except the Garrison of Portsmouth. It is supposed that a prin-
cipal Part of this Fleet was originally intended for New York, but
consequenced of the arrival of a Ship with Letters from Genl. Clinton
etc was suspended and the present Measures adopted. There is reason
to believe that a French Fleet will speedily be on our Coast. The Marquis
request immediate Assistance from the Troops in this State to enable
him to oppose the Enemy in their present Position. From various In-
telligences and Circumstances we are convinced that we ought to be strictly
on our Guard, and that our Militia should keep themselves prepared
to oppose the Enemy in case they make any attempt; mean Time the
Inhabitants should be advised of the nearness of the Enemy, and that
they may if they think proper remove their Effects to places of safety.
For your fuller Satisfaction we enclose you a Copy of the Letter from
whence the above Intelligence was taken.

Andrew Buchanan Esq.