

Sir

In Council 1<sup>st</sup> Sept: 1701

N<sup>o</sup>. 012. Lord Cornwallis being apprized of his sickly and perilous Situation appears to be meditating his Escape through Carolina, and the Marquis though much inferior in Numbers, is posting his Army in the most advantageous Manner to prevent him, or if that can't be effected, to check his Progress and harass his Rear. This will serve to show the Marquis Situation and the Necessity of a speedy and powerful Reinforcement. The fourth Regiment, tho' not well equip'd and furnished will march in the Morning, and we expect they will be in George Town next Friday Evening or Saturday Morning, and have engaged that the Waggoners shall meet them there. This will induce you to exert yourself with unremitting Diligence to obtain them in the Manner we have already requested, or by Hire, if more agreeable to the Owners. You will send four of the ten Waggoners to George Town with what Stores you have procured. The Saddles and Accoutrements for the Light Horse, you will forward in the remaining six Waggoners, to this Place. The Shoes we desired Mr. Edelen to purchase, are to be sent to George Town and lodged with Mr. Beall Deputy Commissary. You will receive the State Prisoners sent under Guard and have them secured and forwarded to Fort Frederick

+ Col. Philip Thomas.

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In Council 5<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1701

013. You will issue Patents to the Persons whose Vessels may be impressed as also for the Hands employed in navigating them on their producing a Certificate from Col. James Footell, of his having impressed them, keeping an Account against each Vessel of the Number of Patents supplied.

John Crifall, Sp. Comr

Circular,  
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In Council 5<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1701

014. Yesterday Evening we received certain Intelligence by a French Letter which arrived at Baltimore Town, that the French Fleet consisting of 20 Ships of the Line and 4 Frigates came into our Bay on the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. and had landed 3000 Troops in Virginia. The Intelligence is confirmed, as to the Arrival of the Fleet, by a Letter from Virginia from one of the Marquis' Fayette's Family. There never has been a Time which required the Exertions of the State more than the present. The Fate of Lord Cornwallis and his Army will, in great Measure, depend upon them. Applying therefore every Particular Zeal and Activity, we trust you will do every thing in your Power to

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