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Philadelphia March 4. 1781

Sir,

By the enclosed Act of Congress of the 3d Instant your Excellency will be informed that all the Convention Troops both in Virginia & Maryland are to be removed to Yorktown & Lancaster, or such other Places in the State of Pennsylvania as the Executive of that State shall assign for their Reception: and the State of Maryland is requested to superintend the Removal, Safe keeping & Supply of the German Corps from Nolands Ferry on Potowmack, and the British now at Frederick town, through Maryland to the Borders of Pennsylvania, and to continue the Guards until the British Prisoners arrive at Yorktown & the Germans at Lancaster, or such other Places as the Executive of Pennsylvania shall appoint for their Reception. The Supplies both for the Prisoners & Escort are to be furnished by Pennsylvania after they arrive within the Borders of that State

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OF THE STATE OF
MARYLAND.

If the Prisoners taken by Genl Morgan in the Action at the Cowpens should be removed to the Northward through Virginia, it is necessary to include them also

I need not point out to your Excellency the Necessity & Importance of supplying a sufficient Guard, & especially a Commanding Officer equal to the Task, to prevent Desertion or any other Impediment to the Execution of these Orders

I suppose the Prisoners in Virginia

His Excellency
Governor Lee