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We do ourselves the honor to transmit to Y^r Excellency extracts as underneath from Genl Washington's & the Marquis de la Fayettes letters, & are with great respect — Y^r Excellency's

Mark Ob^t Serv^ts
Danl Carroll

N.B. Mr Jenifer not present

Head Quarters Dobbs Ferry 30th July 1781

I have the honor to concur in sentiment with Y^r Excellency in the probable future movement of the Enemy under command of his Lordship — This Conjecture is indeed already verified in part by the Arrival of a Fleet at the Hook last Friday, bearing on board two Battalions of infantry & part of the Legion — This intelligence is brought me by a deserter just now come in from New York —

G W

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Malvern Hill 26th July 1781

I had some time ago the honor to write to Y^r Excellency & inform you that a detachment from the British Army about embark at Portsmouth & that two Battalions of light infantry & the Queens Rangers were certainly, & the guards with one or two British regiments were likely to be ordered on the same service — My Conjectures have proved true & Ag^t Sails have fallen down to Hampton roads the departure of which I expect to hear every minute.

A prisoner of British officer flatly mentions that Lord Cornwallis himself was going — However I think Genl Leslie is the man who commands the embarked troops — Potomack & Chesapeak are the announced objects but I think the true destination is New York —

La Fayette.