Baltimore 3d. Febry. 1781.
11 O'clock A. M.

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I have a letter this instant from the Marquiss de la Fayette, in which he signifies that the detachment under his command will be at the Head of Elk this day or to-morrow at furthest; and, begges sending forward the vessels designed for their transportation, with all possible dispatch. As the shipping collected here is altogether inadequate to the purpose, and as inconveniences may attend their going in detail, I have taken the liberty to promote the Marquiss's intentions, by making this communication to your Excellency; that, if there should be any shipping at Annapolis, no moments may be lost in ordering them to the Head of Elk.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect, your Excellency's
most obt & hble Servt
James McHenry
Volunteer aide de Camp
Maj Genl M. de la Fayette.

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