but in consequence of the arrival of a vessel with letters from Gen: Clinton, its sailing was suspended, and the present arrangement of the whole succeeded.

Maryland being thus relieved, I have to request your Excellency to give the most instant orders for the march of the Livies. I need not mention to you the small force, we have to oppose to Lord Cornwallis's command; or what may be the consequences should we not be reinforced. —— That I may be enabled to regulate my motions upon certainties, I pray your Excellency to inform me, what number of Livies you expect to have together in a given time; and when and where the select body of militia is to rendezvous. I wish also to be acquainted

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