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but a small Quantity at this Post, we have referred them to you
We shall be obliged to you to give us the most early Notice when you
have obtained Vessels sufficient for the Transportation of the Troops
Henry Hollingsworth. We are &c.

In Council Annap^s 2^d. May 1780

Sir. Mr. M^r Fadow has made us an Offer of a Number of Shoes & Stockings
the Shoes at 50 and the Stockings at 30 Dollars. If you think them
195. suitable for the Soldiers and approve of the Price, we would have
you take them and send them down by the first Opportunity
Capt. Geo. Sheperts. We are &c.

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Sir. Capt. Middleton who commands the State Boat Dolphin, is
now under Orders to proceed down the Bay to observe the Motions
of the Enemy: he is in Want of Hands and we must request of you
196. to furnish eight Men and such Officer as you may think proper
to appoint, equipped and supplied with necessary Arms & Provisions
to enable him the better to execute Orders we esteem very prudential.
Col^o M. Donnell. We are &c.

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Sir. We have Reason to believe the Enemy have Cruisers or Privateers
within or very near our Capes: it would therefore be prudent for the Officer
commanding the Van of the Troops destined to the Southward, before
he passes this, to send an Officer to us for any farther Intelligence
we may receive on this Head. We shall keep a Lookout Boat
197. constantly below, to furnish us with every material Occurrence,
which shall be communicated to the Commandant, in the most
expeditious Manner.

Henry Hollingsworth.

In Council Annap^s 2^d. May 1780

Sir. A Detachment of 3000 Troops is already embarked at the Head of
Chesapeake, in a Day or two, to proceed down the Bay of Chesapeake to your
State, to reinforce the Southern Army. We esteem it highly necessary,
198. that every possible Precaution should be used to prevent any Part
from falling in with the Enemy's Cruisers and have, to that End,