Road Trip

March 14 [1781], General James Potter and Mr. Cunningham were appointed by the Supreme Executive Council to confer with the members of the Assembly of York County, on the subject of the reception of the British and Hessian troops which were soon to arrive in Pennsylvania from Charlottesville, Virginia, where they had been held as prisoners of war since January 1779.

March 16, Colonel Michael Smyser, Captain Moses McClean, members from the Assembly of York County, and Alexander Lowry of Lancaster County, held a conference with President Reed, relating to the movement of the British and Hessian prisoners northward. They discussed the danger that would arise by bringing so large a number, more than 3,000 foreign troops, into Southern Pennsylvania.

The troops, however, were brought soon after and placed, in prison camps at York, Lancaster, and Reading, the officers being sent to Connecticut.

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