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Initially, the Convention Army remained near Cambridge, MA. However, lack of sufficient provisions and fears of a British rescue attempt caused the Convention Army to be relocated early 1779 to Charlottesville, VA. In late 1780 again fearful of a British attack, the Convention Army was relocated to Winchester, Ft Frederick, and Fredericktown. See:

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