

Contracts at 40 for 1 in the new Money at which Rate the Public will Receive it again for Taxes. We have likewise thought proper to direct the Lieutenants of the Counties, to order into your Hands any Wheat which the People may be inclinable to deliver for the 15 p C^t under the Law for filling up our Battalions. As this will certainly be a great Ease to the People, we flatter ourselves it will, at the same Time contribute considerably to the material End in View. We have certain Intelligence that the Army under His Ex^y the Commander in Chief is encreasing very rapidly, the Object of the Campaign continues the same and immediate and considerable Supplies of Provisions are indispensably necessary. In Addition to the Articles of Provision mentioned in the Laws forwarded to you, we find it necessary to direct you to procure what Beef you can, on the Hoof and in proper Condition. It will be necessary, when a Sufficient Number are collected, to hire proper Persons to have them driven and delivered to The Price must be left to your own Discretion, and depend on the Information you may receive of what it is generally sold at, making a proper Allowance in Favor of the State for the Purchase being made in large Quantities. By the Resolve of Congress, this State is to have Credit for Beef on the Hoof, until December at 5½ Dollars Hard Money Net Hundred, which at 40 for 1 in the New Bills is 220 Dollars p Net Hundred; it is to be wished that this Price may not be exceeded. The Business entrusted to you is of the last Importance and we are under such Circumstances that it is necessary we should receive the most speedy Information of your Success and Expectations; no Time should be lost in forwarding what you have procured, of which we should be constantly informed.

P. S. We have not enclosed any Tobacco as mentioned in the Beginning of this Letter, but will send you Orders on the Collectors of the Loans as soon as you inform us that you can obtain at least the Price mentioned.

N. B. To the Commissary for Talbot County, the following Post Script. " Instead of sending you Tobacco as mentioned in the Beginning of this Letter we have it only in our Power to enclose an Order for £16000, on M^r James Lloyd Chamberlain."

[Council to Colo. Thos. Price]

Sir Your Letter of the 13th Ins^t came to Hand this Morning. The Order on the Collector of Frederick County for £2250, we have enclosed agreeably to your Request. We would have the Flour forwarded immediately and delivered to M^r Thomas Donnellan of Baltimore Town. The three hundred Hats which you contracted for should be finished by this, therefore you are furnished with an Order for £7875, on the Collector of Frederick County, to enable you to comply with your Agreement. The Hatters, we flatter ourselves, will deliver the Hats on the Credit of this Order, as the Collector is on

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