

The letter is endorsed thus: " War Office, Septr. 11th 1780. The Troops (who are all here) will proceed immediately to the Head of Elk. Maj Giles has rec'd orders from this office for coats, vests, linen overalls, Shirts, hats & shoes, knapsacks & Canteens, & arms, & accoutrements for 450 men. It is expected all the articles will be recd. but the men will want woolen overalls or breeches, & stockings—articles which cannot be furnished here, & yet essential. B. S."

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[James Hindman, Talbot County to His Excellency
Thomas S. Lee]

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Sir Your Favours of the 21st and 22^d Augst I received by M^r Gibson one enclosing your order on M^r Chamberlaine for £16000 which I have applied to the payment of the Flour purchased of M^r Barnaby agreeable to my Contract with him, and according to your directions in the other Letter I have called on the several Gentlemen of the Assembly therein mentioned who subscribed their Money and Tobacco, and have received from M^r Henry Banning his Subscription, which I will send over to the Western Shore Treasury by the first safe Conveyance, M^r W^m Hindman's subscription I left with the Treasurer when I was last in Annapolis. M^r Matt Tilghman will pay his Tobacco as soon as he can get it inspected, the other Subscribers have paid to some of the other Gentlemen appointed to receive, I have done my utmost endeavours to procure Loans from the Gentlemen of this County, but the great scarcity of Money and the backwardness in men to qualify as Inspectors have hitherto prevented my Success in that way.

Enclosed is a List of the Horses I purchased and sent to the Care of Col Hollingsworth at Elk with the Prices given, you will observe on the List that I have granted Certificates for some of them which are agreeable to your directions, with 9 of those purchased by me I sent eight received from the Nonjurors making in the whole at Elk seventeen, I have two still in my possession shall continue to purchase untill I get the Quota allotted to this County; please to inform me whether I am to purchase 25 Horses exclusive of the number furnished by the Nonjurors as it is the opinion of some Gentlemen that the Horses furnished by the Nonjurors are to be in part of the Quota to be supplied by each County.

Agreeable to your Directions to the Lieutenant of the County he has advertised the people that they may pay Wheat at sixty Dollars p^r Basket for the 15 p^r Cent. I have also given Notice that I am ready to receive it of those that incline to pay I fear very few will comply, it being the general opinion the Lieutenant has not a power to compel the payment. I have not yet been able to purchase wheat at sixty Dollars the expectations of the Farmers have been much higher, but