

May 1 in the hands of the people for sale, I am of oppinion M^r Voorhees of Kent could procure the Corn—the Barge shall be sent down, should before this, only on Acco^t of the Enemy's Shiping, inclosed is a Copy of an Agreem^t I am entering into with express riders I conceive on as frugal a System as the business can be done on, I am in hopes this measure will meet the Approbation of Your Hon^l Board, from Several circumstances I have mett lately in the transaction of business it Appears to me necessary some regulation should be made by the Executive power of the State in the Passage of ferrys within this State, we are very dependant on the unreasonable Humour of the Keepers of many of the ferrys lately at Johnsons ferry I had a Public waggon detained a Considerable time untill Hard money was procured to pay the passing it,—delay is often given to Express riders

M. G. Green by Col^o Carrington writes me very Pressing for a number of Waggon's required from this and the Delaware State how far the State is to Comply I don't presume, but much distress is Occasion'd in the Southern Army for the want of Waggon's to make the Supplies.

Memo: of an agreement between Donaldson Yeates D. Q. M. for the State of Maryland in behalf of the Public, on the one part, and Thomas Giles express rider for himself on the other part. Witnesseth that said Thomas Giles, agrees to keep at his own proper expence, two good and sufficient horses always ready for the business of Express riding, to do that business that is to ride from this Post to Harford Town, with all dispatches for the Southward, and to Mark Elliotts Tavern above Wilmington with all dispatches for the Northward and as it may happen that the Public business may not require a rider to be cont^d constantly at said Elliotts in this case Giles is to include the distance from there to Philad^a in his riding, to pay his own expences in riding. Ferriages and every other matter whatever any delay or neglect of Public Papers, if such should a Long time appear within his riding—he is to be chargeably with and agrees to give such attention to this business at all times, as to prevent cause of Complaint. For the above services & Expences being duly perform'd, Don^l Yeates agrees that the said Giles is to have Three hundred pounds in Specie p Year to be paid in that or other current money equivalent Quarterly, at such times as it may happen that the wind is too high for him to Cross the Susquehanah with his horse, he is to use all endeavour to cross himself & hire a horse to go on to Harford, in such case the hire of the horse is to be paid by the Public over and above the sum mentioned, his riding under this Contract, to Commence from this date. Witness our hands enterchangeably this 16th day of April 1781

N. B. Giles has Contracted Vanhorn has agree'd but not Signed his Contract as yet.