

Letter Bk. II. remit it him or signify as much to me that at my Return I might satisfy his Expectations. One James Johnson also made a Complaint to me against M^r Gist alledging that some time before Gist went to Williamsburg, he agreed with him for 18 Beeves which Johnson was to drive to Salisbury Plain & receive the money for them at Gist's Return to the Camp, but when in pursuance of the Agreement the Beeves were brought He was then told by Gist that as he could not procure money at Williamsburg to pay for the Cattle He must be excused for declining the Bargain & said that M^r Johnson must also give a little longer Credit for some money due to him for Flour that He had delivered in at the Camp some time before for that He could at present let him have one pistole only in Part of Payment. Johnson complains that apprehending Gist was empowered to contract for the Government he reserved the Cattle for him & has neglected & refused every other market or Chapman whereby he must greatly suffer unless you will be pleased to direct that the Beasts be accepted & payed for according to his Agreement. As there were a number of fine Beeves offered for Sale while I was at the Camp & the Owners on finding no purchasers there, were about to take them away to Phila^a I
 p. 38 ordered Col^o Cresap (who has the Care of laying in provisions for the Maryland Company to contract for them & keep them till they can be slaughtered imagining that if those were driven away others of equal Goodness would not be procured this winter on such easy terms what the Cost of them is I will let you know as soon as Cresap sends me the Accounts, & I also expect to be drawn on at the same time for the Price of 6 Waggons which I have agreed for & will be brought to Wills Creek loaded with Flour at 12/ p C^t I would have agreed for more to put things in the greatest forwardness but was doubtful that £70. for a Waggon Harness & four Horses was too extravagant a Price. I cannot but think that the several Rivers & waters that occur & intersect the Road from Belhaven to Wills-Creek on the South Side of Potowmack will render the Conveyance of Stores that way expensive & very uncertain wherefore I apprehend it will be the best & easiest way to land every thing that shall be sent up Potowmack for the Troops at Rock Creek whence our waggons will carry them to Conegocheek where Battoes may be made to convey every thing thence by water. I have ordered a Batteau or two to be made & then I shall after Tryal be able to estimate the Expençe of that method & will give Orders for those 6 waggons to be employed between that place & Rock Creek. I wish you could find it easy to engage a few Ship Carpenters & send them to the Camp & order up thither some Cartridge
 p. 39 paper, Moulds for Musket & Swan Shot, wire for Screws &