

encourage the People to Stall feed some of their Cattle, & engage a large Quantity of Bacon.

Your Calculation for supplying 3000 Men for eight Months, I think very accurate, it's a large Quantity to provide so late in the year, & the greatest difficulty will be providing Cash & Salt. M^r Carlyle told me when here that he had sent a Quantity of Salt to the Camp, which now surprizes me that there was none there. I have ordered M^r Dick to send a Quantity immediately which I doubt not is done & desired him to buy Negroe Coopers, or hire Coopers to go to Wills's Creek to make Cask for packing the Provisions in.

The Charge of Waggonage I conceive will be monstrous large, & I think the most frugal Method will be to purchase twenty for the present which I presume you may get in Pensylvania. The Quantity of Barrels wanted are not to be procured here in two years Time if Salt is to be purchased reasonable with you, if a Quantity was put in Barrels it wou'd answer in some Degree, & indeed Pork salted in Bulk may keep till Aprill, but then it shou'd be barrel'd up. As for Hoggs, M^r Dick writes me he can procure 1000 & more, delivered at Wills's Creek at 2^d p lb. which is better than buying at M^r Carters. It is surprizing Carlyle was so neglectful as not to have Salt to cure the Beef, you acted very properly in hiring herdsmen to take Care of the Cattle. I am under surprize & uneasy that Carlyle has not paid the People, he rec^d from me £905.. 7.. 10 for 306 Head of Cattle, in which was included those bought by M^r Gist, & he was present when I paid him & M^r Carlyle was also paid in October for all the Waggonage & one or two lost in the Service, & every other Demand he brought in against the Public I must therefore esteem him unjust in not paying the poor People, & I shall immediately write him properly on that Head—he rec^d from me 1299.. 12.. 9 (besides the above sum) to pay for Provisions & other Necessaries supplied the Independent Companies; & he rec^d from the Treasurer the Ball^a due on Acc^t of the Virginia regim^t

M^r Gist rec^d 45£ to pay to M^r Montour, but by the Acc^t sent appears he paid him only 20£ what other Monies he had was from Carlyle to pay for Cattle purchased the particular Sum I know not.—M^r Montour's Acc^t is very unfair, he had no orders to raise the Men charged, he had the Comission to protect him in Case he shou'd fall into the Hands of the French, as he is proscribed by them, he was to attend the Camp go out upon Scouts when ordered by the Comanding officer. I esteem the Man & procured him a standing Salary as Interpreter of 25£ p Ann. after the Skermish at the Meadows he went home from the Camp & yet charges his Mens Pay till