

Judgement, whether it would not be proper under our present C. S. C.
circumstances to send men to bring these offenders to justice,
also having neither connexions or acquaintance with them
may be relied on, and will probably much better go through
the Business. It is becoming a matter of great importance
& we are apprehensive if it is not soon checked will probably
go a great way towards destroying the Peace and good order
of the greatest part of this Shore.

We cannot omit the opportunity (in behalf of those people
of our county who have yet remained quiet under their great
distress for Salt) to inform your Honours that the want of
that Absolute Necessary of Life is so great in this county that
many Families for months past have not had a spoonfull of
Salt, others have got a quart or a few handfulls by begging
from those who could badly spare any. The people hearing
of Quantities of Salt going to Baltimore have some of them
applied there for relief but have very few of them got any it
being generally taken for the Inhabitants of the Western
Shore before those this way can get there to apply, under
these circumstances they are much distressed and if these
unhappy people find they have no chance of being supplied
equally with those on the other shore we know not what may
be the consequence, perhaps they may at length grow desperate
rather than perish. We therefore are moved in pity towards
our distressed county men to apply to your Honours for such
relief as may be in your power to grant them and as we hear
there has lately arrived Vessels at Baltimore with Quantities
of Salt if your Honours would be pleased to order that a part of
that or any other Salt that may arrive be bought and sent to us
for the relief of the Inhabitants of this county we will engage to
be answerable for the price set on it, and will undertake to
have it delivered at the same price as far as it will go in small
quantities to the distressed people, this being done we are
persuaded it will not only be of great advantage to the
People, but that they seeing measures are taken to relieve
their wants will have their minds made easy and will go on
much more spirited and chearful in doing their duty in their
respective stations than they now do. We shall be obliged to
your Honors for an answer by the return of our Express, and
are with great Esteem,

Gentlemen,

Your very obed^t Servants

Signed by order of the Committee
John Dickinson Chairman.