

the Use of the Continental Army. This Board desirous of C. B. complying with the said Requisition and being fully convinced that it will much conduce to the general Interest as well as the Interest of the Proprietors of Cattle at places from whence they may be readily taken away by the Enemy that such of those Cattle as are fit for Beef should be immediately collected at a full and just price and applied to the Subsistence of the Army.

Therefore Mess^{rs} William Winder jun^r Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford of Somerset County or any or either of them is hereby appointed to purchase and Collect the Cattle in the said County which are fit for Slaughter for the use of the said Army and he is to procure the same on Contract if the Proprietors will sell them for a just price But if the proprietors of such Cattle along the sound and on the Water sides from whence they may readily taken by our Enemies on board the Men of War refuse to dispose of the same then the said William Winder Jun^r Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford or any or either of them is impowered and required to Seize such Cattle for the use and Subsistence of the Army as aforesaid leaving if necessary sufficient for the Subsistence of the Owner and his Family and paying the value of the Cattle so seized at the rate as near as can be estimated of one Shilling per pound for the neat Beef of good fatted Cattle and nine pence per pound for inferior and adding one fourth part of the sum for the fifth Quarter. And the said William Winder jun^r Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford as soon as convenient are to have the weight of the Cattle so seized estimated by an Honest man or two who are good Judges thereof if the proprietor of the Cattle and the person seizing the same shall disagree therein and the said William Winder Jun^r Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford are also desired to send all Cattle by them collected as soon as may be to the Camp under twenty Drovers to the Commissary of Purchases together with an Account of the cost of the Cattle and to send a Copy of the said Account to this Board.

Commissions issued to William Venables appointed Ensign to Capt. Robert Dashiells Company also to John Phillips first Lieut, Edward Kellam second Lieut of Cap^t William Turpins Company to John Evans second Lieut^t of Capt John Span Conways Company to Levin Handy Ensign of Cap^t Henry Gale's Company belonging to the Salisbury Battalion of Militia and also to John Irving first Lieut James Curtis second Lieut Nehemiah King Ensign of Capt. William Water's of John Company, to John Flemming Ensign of Capt David Wilson's Company to James Elzey second Lieut in the said Wilsons Company, to Samuel Dixon second Lieutenant of William