

c. c. in Somerset & Worcester where, we are told, a good many yet are, before M^r M^cGerment came in, the Prices at 1/. for stalled Cattle and 9^d for inferior and to allow for the fifth Quarter. These Prices are lower than Beef can generally be got at, though much higher than M^r M^cGerment says he has given. We were also appointing Gentlemen in most of the Counties on the Eastern Shore to purchase Pork and thought of limiting the Price not to exceed £5. a Hundred, but, on M^r M^cGerment shewing us he could not exceed £4. and informing us that he had already Persons in each County, we shall not appoint any, though we are fearful no great Quantity will be got at £4. and, in our Opinion, you cannot too soon have M^r M^cGerment or some discreet Person, go round to those employed and give a greater Latitude, unless the Pork comes in as you wish. William Winder Jun^r and Levin Woolford of Somerset County, John Richardson & William Wise of Worcester County, Nathaniel Potter of Caroline, Robert Caile Harrison and Joseph Richardson of Dorchester County, we thought of as proper People to collect Pork, and recomend it to you to add some of them to those already appointed; they are Gentlemen who, we believe, would take the Trouble to forward this necessary Piece of Public Business.

We are Sir &^{ca}

William Buchanan Esq^r }
 Commis^y Gen^l of Purchases }

[Council to Sheriffs.]

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Circular.

In Council 8th Jan^y 1778.

Sir.

We cannot better give you a just Impression of the Necessity for your Diligence in collecting the Assessment from those who are able & willing to pay it, than by inclosing you a Copy of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 23^d of Dec^r to effect the Purpose of which, we most earnestly request your Exertions. Out of the first Money you may collect, we desire you will pay to any of the Recruiting Officers of your County, who may have inlisted Recruits, sixty Dollars for each of them so inlisted, on their producing you a Certificate of such Recruits having been passed by the Lieutenant as effective and, if the Money you may collect is sufficient, to advance to each Recruiting Officer of your County, one hundred and eighty Dollars, and so from Time to Time, advance as they may have expended in such Manner as that each of those Officers may have Cash in Hand ready to pay the Bounty to their Men on their Inlistment, for all which Money so paid or advanced, you are to take Receipts. We are &^{ca}

To the Sheriffs of the several Counties.