

my power to procure you a quantity of beef at the price you have mentioned, shall accordingly employ a proper person to ride about to purchase, having little doubt of his meeting with some. I shall immediately be in want of Salt to cure and cash to pay for it, which you will be pleased to send me as soon as possible, I wou'd beg leave to take notice of the absolute necessity of having the salt sent soon, as no quantity can be had here at any rate, shou'd it not be wholly expended for your use by my not being able to procure the quantity of beef you want, I will be accountable for the overplus.

I cannot help observing that the commission you offer is by no means adequate to the trouble and expense I shall be at on this occasion, nor do I undertake the business with a view of profit, therefore I expect shou'd I expend a larger sum than the 5 per Ct. in purchasing and curing the beef, you will not hesitate to reimburse me.

I am, Sir,

Your most obed^t Serv^t

The Hon^{ble} Dan^l of St. Thos. Jenifer Rob^t Harrison.
President of the Council of Safety of Maryland

[Deams to Council.]

Worthy Gentlemen.

January the 17th 1777.

This to inform you that I have wrote to your Honors three different times, but have not received any answer, therefore let you know by this oppertunity that I have applied to M^r Barnett Ackleburger Merchant for cloath but his price is 18^s per yard, but have purchased at 17^s 6^d much better of M^r Charles Harris, therefore please to let me know by the Bearer, whether I must render you a bill of cost or to M^r Chase. I have applied to M^r Chase for blanketts, and he sent me to the Board of War, but I could get none, but M^r Chase told me that the first that came I should have; but is very uncertain when I shall get any, my soldiers are forced to stand centery night and day, which I think very hard; I think it very proper to get leather Britches for my soldiers as they are willing to allow the difference between them and others out of their wages. Should be glad you would inform whether I shall be right in so doing; I can get very good stockings at 15^s per pair, the same man is applied to for all he can make in a twelvemonth at the same price; also the hats wheather I shall get them made in Baltimore, or your Honors send them up to me from Annapolis with the other cloathes:

The person I recomended to you as first Lieut. is a wool card maker as you expected him to be &c. The Liev^t in my last recruit Phillip Stilts by name is ready, and willing to serve