

- C. B. two Pounds per Barrel and so Pro rata for such Pork in any other Package and for good Bacon well cured three shillings & six Pence per pound.

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[Circular to Purveyors.]

Circular
Sir.

In Council 20th June 1778.

We inclose you our Regulation of the Prices of Provisions. In the Power given us by the late Act, we have made the Advances of the Prices to the Inhabitants only under the Idea that they were obliged to part from their Provisions at the limited Prices. If Purchases have been made by you out of the State or Provisions have been brought in with a View to sell to you at the Prices allowed, as in such Instances the Profit was the Motive to the Contract and the compulsory Provisions of the Act could not in any Degree have influenced the Seller, we do not intend there should be any Addition to the Price you agreed for. Wherever the Addition ought to be made, we wish you to do it soon, that the same Justice as is due may be done to all and the whole Accounts settled as soon as may be. Hoping and believing there is no immediate Occasion for further Purchases, we request you will not make any without further Orders from us, but as there will probably be great Quantities wanted for salting in the Fall, it will be well to give the People Notice that they may increase their Quantities, especially of Pork, as much as they can and that proper Measures will be taken in Time, to give them an equal and generous Price. We are pressed by the Congress to send forward all Provisions collected in this State; any that may remain with you, we wish you to send to the Head of Elk, to Col^o Henry Hollingsworth.

We are &^{ca}

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But if you have any request from Col^o Hollingsworth to lodge the Provisions you have purchased at any other Place, you'll do so. What you purchased for this State, we wish you also to forward for the Continental Use, as it will save Expence and Damage in Carriage.

To the Purchasers on the Eastern Shore and to Ann Arundel, Harford & P. George's—All but the Clause from "We &^{ca}" to the other Purchasers on the Western Shore