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No. 22 Quantum, is far from being inconsiderable. The 8<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> we sent by Express 200,000 Dollars to the Continental Treasurer and wrote the Delegates of this State on the Subject of the Requisition of the 19<sup>th</sup> May. It is with the utmost Regret we inform Congress of our Inability to comply with the earnest and pressing Application. Nothing could in the least alleviate the poignant Anxiety we feel from  
p. 134 contemplating the Miseries that must ensue on a Dissolution of the Army or a Suspension of the Operations of the present Campaign, but a Consciousness that the Failure of the Supply required is not imputable to Supineness or unwillingness in this State to render every Assistance, but to the Want of Time to execute the Laws and in some Measure to the Scarcity of Money to answer the various Demands incessantly made on the People to support Government and to provide Men, Money and Provision for the Army of the States. We can assure Congress that the full sum required, will be forwarded to the Treasury of the United States, as procured and that our Attention will not be remitted, but every Exertion made to facilitate the Procurement of it. The Expedient of borrowing has been resorted to with such Frequency and our Credit has received such a Wound from our not complying punctually with our Engagements, that we can expect to derive little or no Relief from the Adoption of it in future. We have transmitted herewith a Copy of the Act for sinking the Quota required by Congress of this State of the Bills of Credit emitted by Congress.

[Council to Adam Fischer]

Sir We received your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> and have sent you an Order on the Collector of Frederick County for six thousand Pounds to be expended in the Hiring or purchasing of Waggons and Horses. You are, if possible, to procure them on Hire, and have a Power to make a Contract to pay the Wages in Paper Money, Tobacco, or Specie as may be most advantageous to the Public, not allowing in Specie more than at the Rate of twenty Shillings per Day for the Hire of a Waggon, four Horses and a Driver and in Paper Money or Tobacco, in the same Proportion. If you cannot hire the Waggons Horses and Drivers required, you are to purchase what is deficient and pay for them in the Manner above mentioned, but for your more particular Direction, we refer you to the Law. You are confined by the Law to Frederick County and ought not to interfere with the Contractors of the other Counties because such a Competition will certainly and unavoidably enhance the  
p. 135 Value. If you go into another State to hire or purchase, we think you will not be allowed for any extraordinary Trouble or Expence incurred thereby