

teen of which I Returned for the Use of the United States Army, the Evidence I Reserved for my family. And had Rec'd Thirty Barrels of it in a Store Convenient for Transportation when M<sup>r</sup> William Kilgore one of the Commissioners appointed for this County Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly passed last December Seized it in the hands of Hayden and paid him a Certificate at the Rate of Thirty seven Pounds Ten Shillings p Barrel, Altho he was Previously informed by others and myself of my having Discharged the contract. Many People in this County Complain of having Two Commissions paid on the Necessaries for the Army but with Much more Iustice will they be disturbed when they come to know that so much more money was Paid than there was an Occasion for. I should be glad of your Excellencies directions in this matter which I hope to have by Return of M<sup>r</sup> Athan Ford who will have the Honor of Delivering you this. I Herewith Inclose My Appointment as Assistant Commissary of Purchases for Calvert & Saint Maries Counties

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No. 26

N. B The Lydia Long Boat which the late Gov<sup>r</sup> was so good as lend me is still in my care, I would have sent her up to Annapolis long since, but she is not trust worthy to Send up the Bay, I should be Glad your Excell<sup>ty</sup> would inform me what I am to do with her.

[George Washington, Head Qrs. Morris Town, Circular to  
His Excellency Gov Lee]

March 26  
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No. 31

Sir Your Excellency will have received I presume before this, a Transcript of an Act of Congress of the 25<sup>th</sup> of last month, calling on the several States for Specific quantities of provision, Rum & Forage for the Army, and directing the Articles of Supplies to be collected and deposited at such places in each of the States, as should be judged most convenient by me. In the case of a defensive war like ours, which depends almost wholly on the movements and operations of the Enemy, it is difficult if not impracticable to fix on places of Deposit for Stores, which may not be rendered improper by subsequent events, & all we can do upon such occasions, is, to collect them where it shall appear from a comparative view of circumstances, that they will be probably secure and most likely to facilitate the purposes intended. I have considered the point with respect to the supplies required of your State, and I beg leave to inform your Excellency, that it appears to me, they should be deposited at the following places & in the proportions set against each respectively, Viz

	Barrels Flour	Tons Hay	Bushells of C
Head of Elk .....	14.000	140	52.152
Baltimore .....	3.000	30	2.000
George Town .....	3.000	30	2.000
	<u>20.000</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>56.152</u>