

The Estimates may appear large but we conceive them to be absolutely necessary. To the utmost of our power we have endeavoured to correct abuses in the public expenditures. We have called for the aid of the respective Executives. Again we recommend this Essential object to their attention. Nothing on our part shall be wanting which may contribute to promote the strictest economy in dispensing the Supplies now required.

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We have only to add our Earnest desire that no time may be lost and should the legislature of your State not be in Session on the receipt of this letter that it may be immediately convened.

[Don'l Yeates, D. Q. M., Head of Elk, to Gov. Lee]

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Sir Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Green called on me in his way to your city and after leaving me Orders for the executing some Interesting business relative to the supply of the Southern Army; he desired me to make you Acquainted with my situation, in relyance of your Aid and support; the bussiness being executed in due time; being dependant on my gaining the timely supplys to enable me to forward such Stores as are ordered, I wish to communicate to you my present Situation in regard to the Waggon and Pack horse department; on which the bussiness of Posts under my care materially depends; if I don't mistake the matter in the requisition of supplys from each State; there is required from this State, in forage fifty six thousand one hundred and fifty two Bush<sup>ls</sup> of Indian corn, and two hund<sup>d</sup> Tons of hay; I don't find there is any provision made by the State to supply the Hay after informing you I can't gain or procure money to purchase this Article owing to the present exausted State of the Public funds, I am Possessed w<sup>th</sup> some Certificates under the late regulation of Congress; which from their principals of equity between the Debtor and Creditor in the payment of the contract; I apprehended I could make some purchases on, but from the present Ill temper of the People w<sup>th</sup> Public Contractors they are not of use to me; I have now at this place a Considerable number of draught and Pack horses; and have not an ounce of hay to support them, am also scant of Short forage, no grain being sent me from this State since I have been at the Post, and have rec<sup>d</sup> but little from Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth and not any Hay some few days ago I was at the Port of Baltimore there was none there (a little excepted supplied on M<sup>r</sup> David Poes own Credit) this situation being continued but a little time at this Season it will render the horses unserviceable to business, from Gen<sup>l</sup> Greens Orders I am hourly in expectation of the Arrival of Military Stores at Christiana bridge which I am directed to forward immediately if I can get the supplyof hay from the State some of it being ordered with dispatch will be ascentially Serviceable to the Public bussiness, the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the General Assembly being