

P. S. I must further observe to your Excellency that the favours I ask are understood to Respect only those who are Brought here by their Commercial Connexions; or are temporary inhabitants. there is a quantity of vagrants & adventurers that are the dregs of the French dominions & a burthen to society which deserve no Privileges.

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I do not intend to Grant any Protection to such ones; & if your Excellency Approves of it a Certificate from me will settle the distinction between those that have a Right to those Privileges, & those that have not.

[Ephr Blaine, C. G. P., Philad^a, to His Excellency Governor Lee]

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Sir I expected to have done myself the Honor of waiting on your Excellency and Council at Annapolis but the wants of the Army in a great measure prevented, my Business was the Supplies of the Army and the requisitions of Congress from your State.

I take the liberty of Suggesting a few things to your Excellency and Council respecting securing the Supplies in due time which may be a real advantage to your State, and to the United States in general.

Our Army will never be properly fed until our Magazines afford a Barril of well cured Salt Provisions for every Man who is entitled to draw Rations to hold up the Idea of feeding them with fresh Beef is absurd and this Continent cannot furnish it. there remains no certain Method but by using every Exertion in the fall Season, when Grass Beef and Pork are plenty, to procure as largely as our Exigencies may require.

A considerable quantity of Beef may be salted up in your State at the Magazines pointed out by His Excellency General Washington, and every advantage ought to be take by the State Commissioner in the Pork Season to secure as largely as possible of that usefull and necessary Article otherwise the Monopolizers & Engrocers will have it all bought up for other purposes than for the Army.

Larger Magazines ought to be collected at Elk or the Head of the Bay which will be convenient for either the northern or Southern Army as their Exigencies may require, this beg your Excellency and Council will pay attention to.

I wish to be informed who you have appointed Superintendant of your State Purchases in Order that I may be informed from him of the Success your Agents have in executing their respective Purchases from month to month and give him such Instructions respecting the Deposit of Provisions as I may receive from the Commander in Chief.