

December 1 Weeks hence unless we have a quantity salted up. Col^o Stone promised to send me up some salt for that purpose but none has yet come to hand and the Season is almost over for Beef.

The Merchants at this place have met with so many losses of late that they are quite disheartened and indeed have not money to make purchases, besides they have a very bad opinion of the Tobacco paid in for Taxes which is mostly from the worst Warehouses a great deal of it light and some several years inspected therefore it is not in my power to sell for near the price you limited except it is now & then a few Hogsh^{ds} at a time. I expect to sell thirty or forty of that at George Town in a few days provided the Gentleman can raise the Cash and if I do, and that sum will be of any service to you, will send it down if not it could readily be laid out here either in the purchase of Beef or Flour

December 1 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency
the Governor in Council.]

Gentlemen According to your letter of the 18th I have waited on Col^o Yeates with a copy of your directions regarding the Cattle in consequence of which he has Vouchsaf'd at last to receive them, I am sorry it could not have been done Sooner as notwithstanding my utmost endeavours to keep them up they had fallen off considerably there being Two hundred and thirty of them which are more then could be properly fed, as to the Horses that were refused they were sold on the 25th according to your order of the 18th as I had advertised them from the time I had called on four Freeholders to Judge of them (as p my last) and as the day cleared up we had a very good Sale, to assist which I agreed to take State money (which is much out of credit here) and also to discount on the Certificates given on account of debts of this and the United States, this I did to assist the Sales & that the Creditors might have the advantage of Buying, on a footing with others, suppose they had not the money (as their Services meritittd it,) the acc^t of Sales I shall bring down in a few days, I now send with the bearer Capt. Sam^l Winkett Steer Teams the purchase of Capt Sam^l Gilpin, and one made up of the Horses which I picked out of the refuse Horses purchased by this State, the Waggon and Gears bought by myself, in order to assist to draw feed, and Hay for the State Cattle and Horses while at this Post, which as they are now removed hope shall have no further use for them, the Team hired and sent me by M^r Sam^l Lee of Harford County Col^o Yeates received, but since returned as being too Expensive to keep in continental Service I have sent it to Harford to M^r Lee some days since, in order that any repairs might be made that are necessary, and requested that they might be sent forward to you as Soon as possible (as it is a good Team) all other Horses waggons &c^a that I have received