

July 22 when desired, & we shall not fail to return the Whole, the first  
 Red Book moment we have it in our power  
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Letter  
 No. 178 [Jno. C. Harrison, Cambridge, to The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thos. S. Lee Esqr]  
 July 22

S<sup>r</sup> I am sincerely sorry to acquaint you that the Salt Provision in this County is chiefly carried up the Bay & that I cannot flatter myself with being able to procure more Bacon than 2500 or 3000 W<sup>t</sup> & perhaps a very few Bbles of Pork the Prices I have advertised are 60s for Bacon 1000 Doll<sup>rs</sup> p B<sup>ll</sup> for Pork & for Wheat Flour & Beef agreeable to the Assessment Law. The Crop of Wheat being extremely short that Price will not induce the People to part with it, 2 silver Dollars p Bus. having been offered & the Current Price of Flour is much higher then 67..10..0 p C<sup>t</sup> from these considerations I should be glad you wou<sup>d</sup> be pleased to inform me if I may exceed the Prices for Wheat & Flour in the Assessment Law for the Quantity that may be offered over the Specific Tax and how much, & whether you woud wish me to exceed the Price for Pork as I am of opinion that a few B<sup>bles</sup> more may be had was the Price greater, though that Price is equal to 125ss at 60 for one. If the State of the Treasury is such as to afford me 10 or 12000 pound & the Collector exerts himself it will assist my purchase in the Wheat & Flower & add to the Bacon & Pork My engagements on Account of M<sup>r</sup> Wederstrandt last Winter not being complied with is an evident disadvantage to the present purchase, many of the Farmers from whom I bought last year having suffered considerably by not receiving their Money are cautious of trusting me again others being furnished with Certificates sufficient to pay the whole of their Money Assessments will not part with their Wheat or flour but for ready Cash.

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[Nath'l Potter to Gov. Lee]

Sir I Received yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ult. on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> and been Riding Every Day since and am Sorry to tell you That I have not been able to ingage above one thousand l<sup>b</sup> of bacon and but one barrell of pork. The price of pork I am to Give is 1125 dollars p bar<sup>ll</sup> and Eight dollars p<sup>tb</sup> for bacon itt being heretofore Given by private persons there is some more bacon I have heard of but Cannot see the person he being on a Journey from home but am informed his price is twelve dollars p<sup>tb</sup> if you incline I should Give him his Price I shall be under an Obligation to Give itt to others as one price is Equally due to all. I am fully perswaded many people amongst us have Bacon to Dispose of but the Cursed Spiritt of disaffection makes them deny They have any for Sale it is probable I may be able to procure between two and three Thousand weight if I am permitted to Give the high price they will ask and Can be able To pay them in Cash on the delivery but without Cash I Can do nothing as That article seems to be as scarce as provision.