

[Council to John Hall Caile, Comms^{ry} for Dor. County]

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Circular
Let. of the
5th July last

We are informed that there are a Number of Cattle in Dorchester County purchased for the State by the late Commissary of that County; if they are in proper Condition, we request you will have them immediately slaughtered and salted. The Salt which the late M^r Harrison had, belonging to the Public, may be used for that Purpose.

[Council to the Delegates in Congress.]

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In Consequence of the earnest Requisition of Congress to this State, to furnish immediately five hundred Head of neat Cattle for the Army, we directed our Commissaries to purchase what Cattle could be procured and forward them to the Head of Elk, one of the Posts appointed by the Commander in Chief for depositing some other of the Articles required by the Resolutions of the 25th Feb^{ry} last, and the most convenient in this State for Delivery to the Continental Officer. We are informed by Col^o Hollingsworth, that M^r Yeates and M^r Ramsay the only Continental Officers at the Head of Elk, have refused to receive and forward the Cattle to the Army, alledging it to be no Part of the Business of their respective Departments and that he has, for want of Money, been obliged to sell some of them to buy Provision to support and keep the Rest alive. We could not expect, after Cattle were procured for the immediate Subsistence of the Army, and driven to the Verge of the State to be delivered to the Officer of Congress, that we should have had any further Difficulties to encounter. It is out of our Power to send them on, being neither provided with Persons nor Money to defray the Expence that must be incurred on that Account

It is unnecessary to suggest the Evils to you, which must inevitably arise, unless Continental Officers are stationed at the Places assigned or pointed out by the Commander in Chief for receiving and forwarding the specific Articles of supplies to be furnished by the State, or some facile and ready Mode to convey them to Camp, is adopted. The Sufferings of the Army upon that and every Occasion, induced us to exert ourselves to the utmost to comply with the Demands on us for their Relief and it excites no small uneasiness to find our Designs frustrated and the Army thereby deprived of the Subsistence provided for them, by the Neglect of those whose peculiar Province it is to convey Supplies to the Camp

[Council to the Chev^r D'Anmours Consul General of His Most Christian Majesty.] Ibid.

We were honored with your Address of the 17th Ins^t and think it very reasonable and just that the Subjects of the French King residing in this State should enjoy similar Privileges & Exemptions from Taxation and Military Duty to those with which the Ameri-