

July 28 Shore have also presented, where I find a prior subsisting order to him from your Excellency to transmit to the Western Shore Treasury the money immediately on his receiving to the Amount of £10000 that I have little prospect of getting money there, unless I could be at the Treasury Office at the time of his receiving it, nor does he think he should be justified in paying it even then, shall keep the order for your farther directions.

I have contracted for several Horses, and were I furnished with money could very soon procure the whole number required of this County. The prices are various from £1500 to £2500 and a difference from 10 to 25 p^r Cent between ready money and Certificates, especially such as you directed me to give, it being conceived they will not answer the purpose of paying the Tax. Inclos'd you have a List of the Horses I have at present contracted for, the Money to be paid on the Delivery of them, I think they will very well answer the purpose they are intended for. The Horse belonging to M^r Sprigg has been in this County for some time past, I contracted to pay him £1800 Cash if I liked the Horse, I have received him, must therefore request your Excellency to give M^r Sprigg an order for the Money charging me with it, if the Money could not be immediately paid him, He would take a Certificate for £2000, which I think makes too great difference in the Price. I hope you will furnish me with money as soon as you conveniently can to enable me to comply with my Contracts and to finish my purchase.

I have received of M^r Henry Hollyday a Nonjuror of this County three Horses, and expect in a few days to receive five or six more from other Nonjurors, please to inform me how I am to dispose of them, and such as I may purchase when I get a number together.

I have used my utmost endeavours to procure such Provisions as are immediately wanted, but find no person willing to contract at the Prices you have limited me to. The general expectation here for Wheat is 10s per Bushel or the exchange of 60 for one, but I believe it may be got at £25. M^r Hemsley will not take less than five Dollars new Money or £75 Cont^l for his flour.

July 28 [Willim Grayson, By order of the Board, War Office to His Excy
Red Book Governor Lee]
No. 7

Letter No. 177 Sir The Board do themselves the honor to inform you that they are directed by Congress to make contracts for a very considerable quantity of shot & shells to be furnished at a short period

In order to carry into execution the intentions of Congress, the Board have sent Cap^t Joy, into your State for the purpose of engaging as many of the furnaces in the public service, as shall be in his power. As the Board have understood that some of the owners of these works reside in England, from which it is probable their Agents in this Country, will be unwilling to engage in a business of