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Public, and have it deposited at the above mentioned places. We have given Directions to the several County Commissaries to collect immediately a Number of Beef Cattle, as mentioned below, and salted Provisions, and we request you to attend to and forward that Business. You will also have a sufficient Quantity of Forage laid in at the Posts of Baltimore and George Town. We send you by this opportunity £250 of the new Money to expedite and enable you to comply with these requisitions. St Mary's County 200, Charles 200, Prince Georges 200, Calvert 200, Ann Arundel County 200, Montgomery 300, Frederick 400, Washington 300, the whole 2000 Head of Beef Cattle

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Price.]

We have sent you by M^r Dawson £200. to enable you to comply with the Orders of the Commissary General to pay for Flour Casks and to forward the Cattle.

Ibid.

[Council to Colo. Moses Rawlings.]

We have sent you £100 to enable you to forward the Cattle and for the use of your Department

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[Council Circular to the Commissaries of the several Counties.]

A Detachment from the Main Army with the French Troops, to the Number of 7000 Men will be at the Head of Elk in eight Days, on their way to Virginia to act against Lord Cornwallis. General Washington has wrote us very pressingly for an immediate and large Supply of flesh Provisions; we therefore direct you to procure by Purchase Beef Cattle preferring those Parts of your County which are most exposed to the Ravage of the Enemy; and in Case the Owners will not consent to sell them upon the Terms prescribed by the Act for procuring an immediate Supply of Cloathing & Flesh Provisions &^{ca} you will seize them agreeably to the said Act. You will also purchase all the Bacon, barrell'd Pork and Beef in your County, if not to be purchased, you will seize what can be spared without distressing the Owners, agreeably to the Act to procure a Supply of Salt Meat &^{ca} Passed June 1780

Number of Cattle in each County.

Somerset 600, Worcester 600, Dorchester 400, Talbot 350, Caroline 150, Queen Anns 350, Kent 300, Cecil 350, Harford 300, Baltimore 400, Ann Arundel 200, Prince Georges 200, Charles 200, Saint Mary's 200, Calvert 200 Montgomery 300, Frederick 400 and Washington 300.

Places of Deposit

Kent, Cecil, Caroline, The Cattle to be sent to the Head of Elk