

Excellency's pointed instructions to the State agent for a faithful compliance therewith) one sixth part to be delivered the 20th Feb^y one the 20th March, one the 26th Apr^l one the first of May, one the first of June, and the residue the fifteenth of July.

I need not mention to your Excellency the great punctuality there ought to be observed by the States in procuring and delivering the supplies required, and the uneasiness the want of One days provisions occasions with the soldiery—to prevent which, I beg such powers may be given your agents as will enable them to execute, without which it will be impossible for me to keep up a regular supply for the Army.

The requisitions of Congress were barely calculated to support the troops they have reason to expect in the field next Campaign—and from the present prospects of State supplies I dread the most fatal consequences will ensue, the troops at West point and the other cantonments of the army in this neighbourhood have been several days upon half allowance of bread, and but a very temperary supply of meat, if our situation is such in the most plentiful season of the year, and when the army is much reduced. I leave you to Judge what it must be next summer with twenty or thirty thousand men in the field operating against the enemy the consequence must undoubtedly be their desolution for want of subsistance, without the States use ten fold exertions in procuring the supplies.

Congress have ordered me to make monthly returns of all state supplies and for that purpose to call upon the executive of each State—have therefore to request your Excellency to give express orders to your State agent to furnish me with an accurate return of all supplies obtained from your State in the year Eighty and to whom delivered—and to make proper monthly returns in future to my Office at Philadelphia, when I settle the accounts of the agents who acted for me in your State the last year, shall furnish you with a return of all provisions purchased on Continental Acc^t let no cause whatever prevent you from furnishing the supplies required by Congress

The new arangement of the Quarter Master and Commissary Generals departments points out the delivery of all State supplies to the deputy Quarter Master or his Store Keeper at the Magazines or place of deposit who is to receive and forward the same.

[Arch'd Chisholm, Annapolis, to Gov. Lee]

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This is to inform your Excellency that my Brother Jonathan Waters was taken with Cap^t Harrison on Board the Sloop Lincoln from West River in the Capacity of a Common Marine and is now prisoner at New York. This is to Beg your Excellency and Honourable Council to Remember Him that if the exchange does not extend to the whole Crew you will be pleased as a Native and Resident in the place to give Him the preference to those that are not.