

June 12 Murdock for the provision furnished General Wains Division but if any will correct it in my next Return. On receiving your order to procure and supply the Convention Troops who luckily for us took the Upper Road, and an application from the Lieutenant of the County to furnish provisions for the Militia ordered to march I advertized that provision would certainly be seized if a sufficient quantity was not brought in immediately at the following prices which I believe will have the desired effect as it is daily coming in in small quantities especially mutton for Beef 45/ p Hundred. Bacon 12^d p lb. and for fat Sheep 6 pence p pound estimated and delivered Alive. This article I have some Doubts whether I am justifiable in by Law, but I hope the pressing necessity and the suitableness of Mutton for this time of the year will Justify me with your [damaged] I have employed some proper persons in different parts of the County to collect the articles above and expect I shall be able to furnish our Militia and troops passing through this Town if you mean I should do so. But as this Town is immediately on the Rout to and from the Southern Army you may think it necessary to have it an Established Post—if not, I hope I shall be allowed an Assistant to Issue provisions, for at this time I do the Business that employed five or Six hands untill very lately. A Quarter Master is absolutely necessary here as Expresses are frequently brought to this place to be forwarded on. You will be pleased to excuse me for the liberty I have taken in mentioning of these matters.

June 13 [Tho^s How Ridgate, Portobacco, to His Excellency the Governor and Council]

I have about 19 doz of English felt Hatts and 3 dox. of Castors, a small quantity of coarse Linnen and perhaps some other articles that may suit for Cloathing for our Army which I am ready to furnish you with for Tobacco of the present Inspection in this County on the terms I am now setting them quoted below, allowing four State dollars p C^r for Tobacco at which price I can purchase any quantity in this neighbourhood. Your answer by the Bearer M^r John Beall Turner will oblige

felts N 1— 4 state drs. each

2— 6 d^o

3— 7½ d^o

4— 8 d^o

5— 9½ d^o

6— 12 d^o

7— 13 d^o

8— 15 d^o

Castors. N 1—24 St. drs each

2—27 d^o

3—30 d^o

4—35 d^o

Good Shirting Linnen y^d w^d
8 St. Drs. p yd.