

[Hezekiah Reeder, Port Tobacco, to James Brice, Esq<sup>r</sup>, President August 28  
of the Council.]

Yours by M<sup>r</sup> Kerrick came to hand with £60. I have sent under the direction of John Varden 31 Beeves I could not get him to drive unless he was allow to deliver his acc<sup>t</sup> in to you, if you do not chuse to settle it he agrees to take the same Kerrick had, which was fifteen shillings p day for himself & seven & six pence for each driver you will inform by his return in what way it is to be settled.

[Rob<sup>t</sup> Morris, Office of Finance, Philad<sup>a</sup> to His Excell<sup>y</sup> The  
Governor & Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief]

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Whilst I was at Head Quarters, near Dobbs ferry, the determination was taken by His Excellency the commander in chief, to send a very considerable force against the Enemies Troops under Earl Cornwallis in Virginia; and immediately on my return hither, I did myself the honour to address your Excellency respecting the specific supplies due from the state of Maryland to the United States, upon the requisition of Congress of the 25<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1780: well knowing that the whole Ballance due on those calls of Congress; would now become absolutely necessary to the intended operation; I am very sensible that your Government have upon all occasions executed the demands of Congress, with a decision and vigour which does them honour, and on that account I should decline saying any thing, calculated to stimulate their present exertions, did I not know that every thing depends thereon, Virginia, North & South Carolina, have long subsisted large Armies, and that expense of Provision must come to their Credit. The New England States, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, have supported and must continue to support the Main Army, Pennsylvania will also contribute towards the support of the Southern Army, and her supplies will be directed both ways as circumstances may require. Delaware and Maryland must chiefly be depended on, Virginia and North Carolina will I hope continue to do all they can, but your Excell<sup>y</sup> must be perfectly sensible that I have not any Funds wherewith to purchase supplies, no State in the Union having hitherto supplied me with money except Pennsylvania; but as the money of that State is, in consequence of the Plans adopted for that purpose, very rapidly rising in Value, it would be improper to call it into circulation at present when it is at the rate of only two for one, tho<sup>o</sup> it has been as low as Seven. The Public Interest would thereby be injured, and indeed I might be charged with defeating the measures I myself had taken, in the very moment when they bid fairest for Success. The Security of your State, the Safety of individuals, and their property, are so immediately connected with the present operations, that I persuade myself your Excell<sup>y</sup> will receive every aid and support in