

[Extract of a letter from the Continental Quarter Master for this October 10
State, to the Board]

Richmond 10th Octo^r 1781

I had the honor to receive your favor of this morning, inclosing a letter from his Excellency the Governor of Maryland to His Excellency the Governor of Virginia, dated the 27th September. The waggons and teams mentioned, were impressed by the Clerk to the Assistant Deputy Quarter Master at Staunton, and forwarded to this place with Flour for the Army before York Town. I am sorry that the Gentleman exceeded his authority by taking the property of another State, as my instructions extended no farther than Virginia, as did his Excellency Governor Nelson's warrant, in consequence of which an impressment was made for waggons for the Continent. I have given orders that the Waggons, teams, & Geers shall be immediately returned to their respective owners, and shall give such instructions throughout the department, as shall prevent every thing of the kind in future. I beg leave to assure you Gentlemen, that it is my wish to have harmony, and a good understanding kept up in the point you recommend, and trust that you will communicate to his Excellency Governor Lee that this, with every other matter which comes before me, in which any Subject of the State of Maryland may be interested, shall be satisfactorily settled, as far as I have it in my power.

[G^o Washington, Head Quarters Before York, to His Excellency,
Governor Lee.]

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I was yesterday honored with your Excellency's favor of the 3^d. Give me leave to return you my sincerest thanks for your exertions on the present occasion. The supplies granted by the State are so liberal, that they remove every apprehensions of want. Col^o Blaine has gone himself over to the Eastern shore to see that the Cattle from thence are brought down to the proper landing where they will be slaughtered, and the meat sufficiently salted to be transported by Water. Proper measures have been taken by the Commissaries to receive the Cattle of the Western Shore, and to have them driven by Land. Arrangements have also been made to send up the Craft for Flour as fast as they discharge their lading of stores.

I will desire Col^o Stewart to send up all the empty Flour Barrells that can be made of further use.

We opened our first parallel on the night of the 6th and established it compleatly with a loss too trifling to mention. Our shells have done considerable damage in the Town, and our fire from the Cannon has been so heavy and well directed against the embrasures of the Enemy's Works, that they have been obliged, during the day to withdraw their Cannon and place them behind their Merlens.