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Equivalent and as the Hon. the Executive of this State has author-
is'd you to make the supply on this interesting occasion, I must
earnestly request your making the supply with all possible dispatch
and have not a doubt of meeting every exertion in your Power

November 11

[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to the Council.]

Inclosed is Copy of a Letter I rec^d from the Quarter Master at this
Post. I have wrote him for answer that it was totally out of my
power to comply with his requisition at this time as I had not any
Forage belonging to the State in my possession nor the means of
procuring it but that I would lay his application before Your Honble
Board.

There is very little grain comes here nor for Sale owing I believe
to our Vessels being kept down the Bay and what does come cannot
be bought for Paper Money nor indeed any other article.

November 10
[copy]

[David Poe, D. Q. M., Baltimore, to Jas. Calhoun, Esqr.]

As there is an immediate want of a large Quantity of Forage at
this Post for the use of the Teams and Riding Horses belonging to
the Continental Army now on their way from York in Virginia to
the Northward and as I have had orders to apply to you for such
Quantities as from time to time may be wanting to supply this Post
therefore must request you if Possible to Furnish me with one Hun-
dred Ton of Hay and one Thousand Bushels of Corn and Oates or
other Grain equivalent for the above mentioned purpose. Should
it be out of your Power to Comply with this request either in part
or whole, I beg that you may give me your Reasons in writing so
that I may be Justifiable in Purchasing or doing otherwise as the
case may be

November 11

[David Poe D. Q. M., Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

Give me leave to inform your Excellency that there is a large
Quantity of Forage Imediately wanted at this Post for the Use of
the Teams and Riding Horses belonging to the Continental Army
now on their Return to the Northward, also for a Supply during the
Winter for such Horses and Teams as may have Occasion for
Forage, as there is none upon Hand. I have had Orders to Apply
to the State Agent, I made a Requisition to M^r Calhoun a Copy of
his Answer I herewith inclose should your Excellency be of Oppinion
that there can be anything done please to detain my Express until you
meet in Council. If I had Red money to Pay one half in hand and
promise hard money in three months, I could Supply this Post with
Hay and Fire wood at the Common prices now given, I would more
Readily Contract as I am Assured of a Small Supply about that
time I will thank you for an Answer if Possible by the Bearer
and also to my letter of the 29th of last month, that I may know what
to Write to the Quarter Masters General on the Subject