

of the Rations, during the Winter to the Guards & Fatigue parties here. I also requested a supply of Money to make the necessary Purchase of Liquors for that Purpose. I have now further to add, that the great Quantity of Hay & Corn I am obliged to impress the Number of Hands I am obliged to employ in slaughtering &c &c makes a Supply of Money the more necessary at this Time. If you will please to recur to my last, of the Date mentioned above, where these several Points are spoken to more largely, I perswade myself you will judge your Instructions not unnecessary. December 3

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

December 4

M<sup>r</sup> Griffith informs me that two Men which he had sent out to collect Cattle for the state went to the Houses of Johannes Bop and Henry Wareham two ignorant Dutchmen who had three head of Cattle for Sale, but finding they were wanted for the State and would be paid for in Paper Money they sent them out of the way, upon which application was made to two Magistrates, who gave judgment for their forfeiture, for the use of the State agreeable to Law. M<sup>r</sup> Griffith is of opinion that these Men were unacquainted with the Law and their conduct proceeded more from ignorance than any other motive and as they are poor Men that it will be hard to take their Cattle without any compensation therefore hopes your Excellency & Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council will please release the forfeiture and allow him to pay for the Cattle

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

December 4

I had the honour to receive Yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ult. requesting me to make an immediate return of the Provisions received on Public acco<sup>t</sup>

Before your letter reached me I had wrote in the most pressing manner to the different County Com<sup>rys</sup> or their returns expecting they would be wanted at this time, but have not yet been able to procure them, I hope they will come in pretty generally this week however I will at any rate make out the most perfect one that it is in my power to do in a very few days and either take down myself or transmit to your Hon<sup>ble</sup> Board. I last summer made out a form of such a return as I deem'd most proper which was sent to every com<sup>y</sup> in my district with a request that they would without fail furnish me with one agreeable to that form regularly every Month that I might be enabled to make out a general return & transmit you Monthly, but many of them pay not the least regard to this request although repeatedly urged to a compliance therewith

I can at any hour make out a return of all the Provisions that have passed through my hands but that is a very small part of what has been supplyd by the State