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[John Hanson and Dan'l Carroll, Ph<sup>a</sup>, to Gov Lee.]

We have the honor to enclose an extract from the communications lately made by the Minister of France to Congress, & request to be informed of the quantity of arms & military Stores you have ordered, and of any other circumstances relative to this Subject you may see proper

The Count de Vergennes in a letter dated the 7<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> mentions, that in consequence of applications from the States of Virginia & Maryland, the King had orderd a number of Arms & Military Stores to be shiped to them, subject however to the order of Congress: that these were to be paid for out of the Loan negotiating in Holland, which he had reason to think wou'd be compleated

Dec. 4 [John Stewart, On board the Porpois, off Hoopers Straights To  
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This morning at Day light we made the Schooner Active Privateer we immediately dispatch'd Captain Revelly with the Barge and twenty men to reconoitre her, which he did; after about five hours working to wind ward we got within half a mile of her; Capt. Revelly then with great alacrity fired a Volly into her, and boarded, this Gentlemans merit is too well known to admit a farther Comment than to say that his Gallantry in this Action could not be surpassd even by himself. We have two prizes now in chase therefore I will conclude this letter by informing y<sup>r</sup> Excel<sup>cy</sup> that the Capt of the Prize says the last embarkation from N York is intended for this Bay where he expects they are now arrived

December 6 [H. Hollingsworth, Head of Elk, to His Excellency, Thos. S.  
Red Book Lee, Esqr.]  
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And please your Excellency & Honours Gentlemen on receipt of yours of the 22<sup>d</sup> Nov. Immediately began to Slaughter the Cattle and sent Express to Col<sup>o</sup> Blain for the Salt according to your orders, Inclosed you have his answer by which you will be informed there is none to be expected from him, as about one hundred of the Cattle were Slaughtered before I received his answer I was obliged to make use of what Salt I had of my own, and to borrow as much of my neighbours as would Strike the Beef now slaughtered, but shall want immediately for the remainder (and to pack the whole;) as also to pay my debts will thank your Excellency & Honors for your direction on this matter and how long I am to continue to Slaughter as the Cattle are falling off, as also whether I am to continue to supply Col<sup>o</sup> Yeates with Forage (through the season) and if so how I am to obtain money to pay for it—whither I can have any red (and hard) money to pay for the Forage already purchased, (in