

February 22 me to continue the purchase with assiduity. I am ready to exhaust my inmost means to fullfil your orders, but 'tis impossible to continue the purchase without money—the little credit I had acquired, has already received injury from my inability to comply with my contracts. If you will advert to my acco^t you will find me only furnished with 250£, my purchase is nearly 15 thousand pounds of provisions, the whole of which I have purchased for money—you will therefore see the necessity of my being immediately supplied and pray write me upon what terms I am to purchase, as the Law does not authorize me to receive dead Beef—and that is the only kind of meat now for sale. I am pushing my provision to Geo Town with all haste—twill not be necessary to order Waggon to this place, as my provisions are carted from this to the Eastern Branche, and from thence to Geo Town by Water—M^r Beall Waggon from thence to Frederick

February 23 [Hen. Nicols, Aquila Browne, Art: Emory, Rich. Tilghman, 4th, Queen's Town Commissioners of the Tax for Queen Ann's County To his Excellency the Governor in Council]

Under the Law entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year Seventeen hundred and Eighty one" We observe that one of the Duties on us by said Law is to adjudge and fix the Value of the new Continental Bills of Credit issued in this State and the new Bills of Credit issued under Acts of Assembly of this State compared with Spanish Dollars at Seven Shillings and six pence each But we are this day informed by the Honb^{le} W^m Hemsley Esq^r a Member of the General Assembly, that there is a supplement to said Law whereby the above mentioned monies are since regulated and of course our power Superseded; and though we have just received by Express from your Excellency two Laws the one entitled "An Act relating to the Treble Tax imposed on Nonjurors and absentees" the other entitled "A supplement to the Act for the regulation of the Staple of Tobacco" Yet as we have never received or seen the supplement mentioned by M^r Hemsley as above we are at a Loss to know how to conduct ourselves and therefore request the favour of your Excellency to advise us therein as soon as possible.

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[Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

Y^r favor by Co^l Livingston with 2 packets came to hand this morning. I shall endeavour to execute y^r orders in a few days. We are under a considerable degree of anxiety about the state of affairs in North Carolina. The latest intelligence from General Greens army was on the 9th instant, he was then at or about Guildford Court House. Cornwallis at Shallow Ford on the Yadkin, distant from our Army 40 Miles & 250 from Charles Town. He had burnt his Waggon & it was expected woud cross the Yadkin that day. The