

So that early on Monday Morning we could only find John Shellman's Waggon and a Guard was set over his Stable Door We afterwards met with George Purgetts Waggon in Town and at his request it was sent to Jos. Hardman that care might be taken of his Horses. That morning Shellman pulled his Waggon to pieces and in the night pulled down some Pailing behind his Stable and carried off the horses. George Purgett also fell on methods with the Assistance of the Towns People to carry off his Waggon and Horses.

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A party under a Serjeant had gone over Manococy with the Press Master and they brought in two waggons tho' they had pressed seven or eight more, but they left them on the positive promise of the Owners to bring them to Town next day by twelve, but the people were so averse to the Service that one of the Waggoners belonging to the two they brought in cut out out his horses in the middle of Manococy River and rid off with them tho a Soldier in the waggons (as I afterwards learnt) had fired with a design to frighten him from cutting out his horses so they came in with two Waggons and only two Horses to each.

But before these two Waggons were brought in, some of the leading Dutch, Shellman, Bruner and others agreed to get the farmers together and that they should furnish the Quantity wanted and they seemed pretty well satisfied as George Ross had given under his hand to pay for the Carriage as soon as the Service was done.

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That night Col.^o Cresap came to town but I did not see him till the Morning. He came to me which soon drew several people about us. He insisted that he could see no Reason for pressing waggons for there was an Act of Assembly for carrying the Waggons out of the Province, that they ought to make Roads on the Maryland side and that the waggons could cross over at the Mouth of Siddling Hill, but the Gut beyond Town Creek would be frozen up and that they could not pass, that the Articles of War directed they should receive part of their pay down, and be paid every night and that they could not by the Articles of War be pressed for more than one days Journey, I asked him how we were to be Supplied with Waggons in the back Country after the first days Journey, he said they might be again pressed. He said the people had been very Ill used for what they had done, they had gone to the Agents for pay, they had sent them to the Assembly and that they had sent them to the Governor; and they had yet got no Satisfaction, that the Commissary ought to have paid them and if it was left to the Assembly they would not be paid for what they had done, or might do, perhaps this Seven years, as there was no certainty when the Journal would pass many more things of this sort passed from the Col.^o which the People greedily listened to, and which it was in vain for me to attempt answering, I only asked how it was possible for me to obey my Orders to supply Fort Cumberland, he said they could go with Horses and