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Bags which would be easier to the people for they could go up of the Maryland Side, and that I ought to write to the Governor about it and that I might make use of his name as an Excuse for the delay, and for giving such advice. Things were carried on in this manner all Tuesday and we had only got three Waggons & eight Horses: and as I saw no prospects of getting more and understood from Capt. Ransburgh and from M.^r Dixon and others that the People were got under Arms to release the Waggons, I designed to have sent them away in the Night & had them put into the yard for that purpose, the owners and others insisted with great uproar that they should be Appraised which accordingly was done by Capt. Stephen Runsburgh and Mr. John Kimball but the People continued still Clamorous and insisted on my paying according to Valuation or giving Security they should be returned with good Order and with many threats declared no waggons should be carried out of Town, and even the Women came and stood by the Horses with long knives to prevent the Soldiers coming near them.

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Afterwards Capt. Runsburgh told me it would be impossible to carry the waggons off for there was a large Body of Armed Men who would release them, that he had got two Guns and his Pistols loaded and that he had left Orders that no Waggon nor Horses should be pressed from him, But persuaded me to accept of Col.^o Cresaps proposal to send the Provisions by Horses and Baggs and that if I would accept of that way he, Hardman, Knave, Toffler and others who were present would engage to get a sufficient number of Horses and Bags the next day, and M.^r Dixon seemed to think it would be the only way to get the Service done, and as these People had great Interest among the Dutch he thought I might depend on their promise and release the three Waggons and eight Horses which at last with much difficulty I agreed to.

Col.^o Cresap went away on Wednesday morning and I sent up the Party to get the Waggons ready, who were to meet at the Mouth of Conegocheigh, and to wait for the Horses and bags who were to go from Frederick Town and the Col.^o promised me to get what he could so as we might make up 100 or 150 Horses and bags to go from thence, I have not heard how far he executed his promise I only wish for the sake of the men who are in great want at Fort Cumberland that a greater regard may be paid to promises that I found at Frederick Town, for betwixt two and three on Wednesday afternoon Capt. Runsburgh and some others came to Town and told me they had been out since six that morning and they could not get one Horse and that the people were all under Arms and bid them tell me they would neither Obey the Governor nor any Body else and that they would sooner loose their lives than go on any such Service unless the Governor would appoint one in Town to pay them.