

on my journey that at the late Secretary Carter's Estate there
are a large Number of Hogs to be disposed of, if you should think
fit to order them to be purchased you will take Care to have
it agreed that they be not driven to the Camp till a quantity
of Salt be carried up & Receipts for the meat first made
& here I must observe to you that there had not been any
Salt in Camp for a considerable time before my Arrival
there when I got some brought up on Horses Backs. The
Cattle that had been driven to the Fort, for want thereof
could not be killed but were permitted to range the woods
& to hinder their stragling quite off it was found necessary to
hire Herdsmen constantly to range & ride thro the woods
to prevent their passing the Mountains, this has occasioned an
extraordinary expence & as Mr Gist had pledged the publick
Faith for their payment, I thought myself obliged to let
that should suffer & to induce the Herdsmen to take care
of the Cattle till they can be killed, to advance them in
part of their wages 15 Pistoles. I was much concerned at
find having such frequent & incessant Applications made
to me all the time I tarried at the Camp by Numbers of
People who have credited Mr Carlyle & His Agents on
the publick Account; such Delay as they complain of in
satisfying their Demands has reduced the publick Credit
to a very Low Ebb which will be attended with very bad
Consequences I am afraid unless some Steps can be taken
to retrieve it. I hope you will be pleased to order Mr Carlyle
without farther Hesitation to discharge all Debts that he
has contracted with any of those people particularly the
person whose waggon was pressed to bring off the Men who