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Annapolis. Decem<sup>r</sup> 26. 1754. to Genl. M<sup>r</sup> C. O'Neale.

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I embrace the Opportunity of M<sup>r</sup> Wadsworth's journey  
to Williamsburg to acknowledge the Receipt of yr<sup>e</sup> Letter  
dated the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. I am pleased to find that we are  
likely to have people who understand & will carefully  
perform the Business of Commissary. One of them I  
hope has already received Orders to give his Attendance  
at the Camp & after the requisite Quantity of Provisions  
is laid in or contracted for you will be pleased to  
order the other or a Clerk to repair thither also, for  
I must have one of the Commissaries to attend the  
Troops when they come to march. I should be glad if  
Commissaries would return you & me as soon as possible  
a Copy of the Scheme they have projected to supply &  
carry out Provisions for the Troops that we may see  
what we have to expect or depend on. Upon reconsi-  
dering the Method I proposed for the Carriage of the  
Provisions & the Calculations that I inclosed to you  
in my last, I think of Expence might be greatly  
diminished by having some of the Meat dried &  
the rest packed in Casks containing only 100 lb of  
Salted Meat which will be portable on Horses which  
can carry 200 lb each beside their Provender. The Diffi-  
culty we should be under of getting or hiring a suffi-  
cient Number of Waggon I think recommends this Method  
& the Consideration of the Accidents that Carriages

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