

are subject to, that Horses can more easily resist any party of the Enemy that might happen to be sent to intercept them than waggons which cannot divert from the beaten Track tho they should receive Intelligence of the Enemys Approach still makes this method I think more Eligible, however I leave that to the Commisaries whose Care it will be to calculate the Expence of every method & pursue that which appears most feugal. The Salt you mention was sent from Rock Creek last week & I suppose that as soon as proper Receipts can be prepared the Cattle that are to be slaughtered this winter should be driven to the Camp & there killed & cured, the Skins & Tallow is to be disposed of. You do not mention but I doubt not you will give Instructions to the Commisaries as to that matter. Tho the Country People should be prevailed on to stall feed their Cattle this winter & engage to drive a considerable Number out to the Troops in the Summer as they shall be wanted, yet I think enough salt provision to serve the Troops 5 or 6 months is the least that ought to be now laid in, & the Troops after they leave Wills Creek must never be without enough to serve them at least 3 weeks or a Month. The Casks may be returned to the Magazine as they are emptied & will serve to inclose such Meat as may be pickled in Troughs there. but the Consideration & Management of that I leave entirely to the Commisaries. I should be glad to have your Answer concerning what is to be done with respect to that Reason mentioned in my last & his Reasons, whether you will order