the Head of our Treasury would not allow us to do a great Deal but, on
N. 38. disclosing the Matter to Mr. Chase, he immediately went to Baltimore
to endeavour, if possible, to throw in something towards a temporary
Supply and, by a Letter from him, we hope, he will succeed. We had
taken Steps to collect what Beef we could in Somerset & Worcester
where, we are told, a good many yet are; before Mr. McGarmont came in,
the Prices at 1/. for stalled Cattle and 9d. for inferior and to allow for
the fifth Quarter. These Prices are lower than Beef can generally be
got at, though much higher than Mr. McGarmont says he has given.
We were also appointing Gentlemen in most of the Counties on the Eastern
Shore to purchase Pork and thought of limiting the Price not to exceed
£5. a Hundred, but, on Mr. McGarmont shewing us he could not exceed £4.
and informing us that he had already Persons in each County, we shall
not appoint any, though we are fearful no great Quantity will be got
at £4. and, in our Opinion, you cannot too soon have Mr. McGarmont
or some discreet Person, go round to those employed and give a greater
Latitude, unless the Pork comes in as you wish. William Winder Junr.
and Levin Woolford of Somerset County, John Richardson & William Wisp
of Worcester County, Nathaniel Potter of Caroline, Robert Caile Harrison and
Joseph Richardson of Dorchester County, we thought of as proper People
to collect Pork, and recomend it to you to add some of them to those
already appointed; they are Gentlemen who, we believe, would take
the Trouble to forward this necessary Piece of Public Business.

We are Sir &c.

William Buchanan Esqr.
Commissy. Genl. of Purchases

Circular. In Council 8th. Janry. 1778.

Sir.

We cannot better give you a just Impression of the Necessity for your
Diligence in collecting the Assessment from those who are able & willing
39. to pay it, than by inclosing you a Copy of the Resolution of the General
Assembly of the 23d. of Decr., to effect the Purpose of which, we most earnestly
request your Exertions. Out of the first Money you may collect, we
desire you will pay to any of the Recruiting Officers of your County, who
may have inlisted Recruits, Sixty Dollars for each of them so inlisted,
on their producing you a Certificate of such Recruits having been passed
by the Lieutenant as effective and, if the Money you may collect is
sufficient, to advance to each Recruiting Officer of your County, one hundred
and eighty Dollars, and so from Time to Time, advance as they may have
expended in such Manner as that each of those Officers may have
Cash in Hand ready to pay the Bounty to three Men on their
Inlistment, for all which Money so paid or advanced, you are to take
Receipts.

We are &c.

To the Sheriffs of the several Counties.