

Circular In Council Annapolis 23^d Apl 1778.

1777. We inclose you a copy of the Clause of an Act of Assembly passed late in the Session, occasioned by Complaints of the limited Prices of Provisions being too low. As soon as we get Information of what is given by the Continental Purchasers, we shall settle the Prices to be given by our Purchasers, and that Justice may be the more certainly done, we request you will be very accurate and particular in your Accounts and Receipts of the Kind and Quantity received from each Person and the estimated Weight of the live Lattle. We Hope, that as every Thing is and will be done to put our People on the same Footing, as near as possible with others, they will chearfully part from what they may have to spare, and that they will be attentive to Genl. Washington's Request, to get a Number of Lattle ready for the Subsistence of the Army as soon as possible. The Provisions may be delivered and the Difference of Price settled, ^{for} as soon as we can fix it.

We are &c

To the Purchasers of Provisions
except to Washington & vid. Ltr to
him of Yesterday

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We are sorry for the Necessity we are under of giving you and the Constables the Trouble of executing the inclosed Request, but there is now Occasion and, in the Course of this Summer, there will be Occasion for a great Deal of Larrriage of Provisions, Stores and Baggage for the Army. Well disposed People will chearfully submit to the Inconvenience, when they see that the Service is necessary, and that we execute the Intention of the Legislature in dividing the Burthen as equally as possible, which we cannot do, without having a general View of the Larrriages. We hope for your returning us the Lists requested as soon as possible.

We are &c

To the Lieut^s of the several
Counties

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1779. Sir We are told that two Lappers were put on Shore from the Conqueror Galley, in the Care of one Mr. Patton of Baltimore who is since dead, and that his Executors are about selling them. We shall be obliged to you to stop the Sale and receive them into your Store. If the Exec^s are in any Doubt about the Property, we suppose Capt. David or some of the Officers can easily give them Satisfaction.

We are &c

Capt. Theoparts.