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we feel, from contemplating the ~~circumstances~~ Miseries that must ensue on  
 a Dissolution of the Army or a Suspension of the Operations of the present  
 Campaign, but a Consciousness that the Failure of the Supply required  
 is not imputable to Supineness or Unwillingness in this State to  
 render every Assistance, but to the Want of Time to execute the Law  
 and in some Measure to the Scarcity of Money to answer the  
 various Demands incessantly made on the People to support  
 Government and to provide Men, Money and Provision for the Army  
 of the States. We can assure Congress that the full Sum required, will  
 be forwarded to the Treasury of the United States as procured and  
 that our Attention will not be remitted, but every Exertion made  
 to facilitate the Procurement of it. The Expedient of borrowing  
 has been resorted to with such Frequency and our Credit has received  
 such a Wound from our not complying punctually with our  
 Engagements, that we can expect to derive little or no Relief  
 from the Adoption of it in future. We have transmitted herewith  
 a Copy of the Act for fixing the Quota required by Congress of this  
 State of the Bills of Credit emitted by Congress

We have the Honor &c.

President of Congress

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> July 1780

Sir

We received your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>l</sup> and have sent you an  
 Order on the Collector of Frederick County for six thousand Pounds  
 to be expended in the Hiring or purchasing of Waggon and Horses.  
 you are, if possible, to procure them on Hire, and have a Power  
 to make a Contract to pay the Wages in Paper Money, Tobacco, or  
 specie as may be most advantageous to the Public, not allowing  
 in specie more than at the Rate of twenty Shillings per Day for the  
 Hire of a Waggon, four Horses and a Driver and in Paper Money  
 or Tobacco, in the same Proportion. If you cannot Hire the Waggon  
 Horses and Drivers required, you are to purchase what is deficient and  
 pay for them in the Manner above mentioned, but for your more  
 particular Direction, we refer you to the Law. You are confined by  
 the Law to Frederick County and ought not to interfere with the  
 Contractors of the other Counties, because such a Competition will  
 certainly and unavoidably enhance the Value. If you go into

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