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of Cecil County, to have the public Slaughter at Appoquinimink, sent
to Camp immediately. You have a Copy of the Law Papers
required, also a List of those who have already been relieved.
Wm. Williams Esq. We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 11th Aug^r 1700

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Sir. Yours of the 7th Inst^o is received. We now enclose you the Order
on the Collector of your County for 6000^l which was omitted, you are
not to exceed the limited Prices. We request you to have the Bacon
Park, and Slaughter which you have procured, sent to this Place, as
soon as possible. It is not in our Powers to supply you with Money
to make a Purchase of Beef, nor are we requested to purchase
that Commodity. Any Beef that you may receive for Taxes, you
will have pastured and inform us of the Quantity.
We are &c.

In Laile Harrison Esq.
Dorchester County -

In Council Annapolis 11th Aug^r 1700

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Sir. We this Morning received your Letter of the 6th, with its Enclosure
and the Letter from the Commissioners of Baltimore County, covering
the Recommendation of Inspectors for that County. It is impossible
for us to furnish you with 50,000^l, our Treasury is entirely exhauf-
ted, and it would be of little Avail to give you an Order upon the
Collector of your County, as we understand he has none in Hand.
We understand several of the Lieutenants have exercised the Power
of granting Warrants, to distrain the Goods of the Persons who
compose the Class, that have neglected to procure Substitutes
for the 15th Cent, though the Lieutenant could not obtain one
for that Sum, for this Reason; if the Lieutenant could not get
a Man for the 15th Cent, and it should be his Opinion that he
could not issue his Warrant in that Case for the 15th Cent, the
Law would be evaded, the Intention of which is, that each
Man should pay according to his Apportionment. Besides we apprehend
it is in the Power of the Lieutenant to get the Money, as soon
as he engages the Substitute; for when the Lieutenant agrees
with a Man for a certain Sum, he can issue his Warrant against
the Individuals of the Class for that Sum.
We are &c.

Andrew Buchanan Esq.