

to be emitted under the Act to enable the Treasurer of the Western Territory
and sell Bills of Exchange and for an Emission of Bills of Credit if necessary
N^o 2. When that is done you will receive a share of it and it will be proper to
make your Contracts at 20 for 1 in the new Money, at which Rate the Public
will receive it again for Taxes. We have likewise thought proper to direct
the Lieutenant of the Counties, to order into your Hands, any Wheat which
the People may be inclinable to deliver for the 15th under the Law
for filling up our Battalions. As this will certainly be a great Ease
to the People, we flatter ourselves it will, at the same time, contribute
considerably to the material End in View. We have certain Intelligence
that the Army under His Ex^{ty} the Commander in Chief is increasing very
rapidly, the Object of the Campaign continues the same and immediate
and considerable Supplies of Provisions are indispensably necessary.
In addition to the Articles of Provision mentioned in the Laws forwarded
to you, we find it necessary to direct you to procure what Beef you
can, on the Hoof and in proper Condition. It will be necessary, when a
sufficient Number are collected, to hire proper Persons to have them driven
and delivered to

The Price must be left to your

own Discretion, and depend on the Information you may receive of what
it is generally sold at, making a proper Allowance in Favor of the State
for the Purchase being made in large Quantities. By the Resolves of
Congress, this State is to have Credit for Beef on the Hoof, until December
at 5¹/₂ Dollars Hard Money Net Hundred, which at 20 for 1 in the New Bill
is 220 Dollars ~~the~~ Net Hundred; it is to be wished that this Price may not
be exceeded. The Business entrusted to you is of the last Importance, and
you are under such Circumstances that it is necessary we should receive the
most speedy Information of your Success and Expectations, no Time should
be lost in forwarding what you have procured, of which we should be
constantly informed.

We are &c.

To the Purchasing Commissaries.

P.S. We have not enclosed any Tobacco as mentioned in the Beginning of
this Letter, but will send you Orders on the Collectors of the Loans as
soon as you inform us that you can obtain at least the Price mentioned

N.B. To the Commissary for Talbot County, the following Postscript is added
"of sending you Tobacco as mentioned in the Beginning of this Letter
"we have it only in our Power to enclose an Order for 1000 and
"Mr James Lloyd Chamberlain".