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fifty Shillings. Gold ~~shillings~~ at any Rate you are not to exceed three  
Pounds. Gold shillings payable in the new Bills at the Exchange, if you  
cannot obtain it at three Pounds or under you are <sup>to</sup> inform us. We cannot  
mention any particular Prices for Beef but expect you will buy it  
on the best Terms you can and that you will inform us of the Quantity  
you have the Prospect of obtaining and at what Price. You will take the  
most effectual Steps to procure Barrels which are necessary, and we  
shall supply you with such Quantity of Salt you may think necessary  
to secure your Purchase, of which you will immediately inform us.

Circular to the purchasing Commissaries of Calvert  
& May's Charles Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties.

In Council, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1780.

Sir,

71. Mr. Alundock having informed us that Colonel Wood has ordered  
a Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town, we request you to  
discharge that appointed <sup>by us</sup>. We wish you to distribute the arms in your County  
into the Hands of such Persons as you can trust, taking such Receipts  
therefor as will make them answerable for them.

Colonel Baker Johnson

In Council, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1780.

Sir,

72. We wrote to you yesterday since which we find it necessary to  
direct you to send all the Cattle you procure on the Hoop immediately  
to Frederick Town to be delivered to Mr. George Alundock for the  
Use of the Convention Troops and desire this may be done as soon as  
you can make up fifteen or twenty Heads.

John S. Brooke Esq.

In Council, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1780.

Sir,

The Hoop, Porpus and State Boat Dolphin were fitted out and  
are put under your Command for the purpose of annoying and as far as  
in your Power expelling the Privateers of the Enemy from committing  
Depredations on the <sup>Sea</sup> and Inhabitants of this State.