

The late set to you, they are for Teams for the Waggon which
 N^o 616. Col^l Smith is authorised to purchase to move the Detachment of
 continental Troops at this place, subject to the order of Gen^l Smallwood.
 W^l David Poe

In Council 12th July, 1781.
 Sir, Upon a Consultation with Gen^l Smallwood respecting the
 draught and light Horses directed to be procured, we judge it unne-
 cessary to raise the whole at present and have determined to suspend
 the collection of one third of the draught and one fourth of the
 light Horses so that the Number required of your County will
 be If you have collected above
 that Number, you will retain the best and most fit for the
 said Service, and return the others to the Owners, having respect
 in the first Instance to the Friends of Government, whose Horses
 617. may have been taken. If the Owners will not receive them
 you will sell them immediately for ready Money or short cre-
 dit at the highest Prices that can be obtained, and lodge
 the Money arising from such Sales in the Treasury. If you
 have not collected the above Number you will do it with
 all Expedition, and inform us how many you have more got.
 The Collectors in Baltimore and Harford Counties are to deliv-
 er the draught Horses collected immediately to David Poe
 Deputy Q. M. in Baltimore Town and the remainder of the
 draught Horses as soon as collected.

Circular, Collectors of Horses.

In Council, 12th July, 1781.
 Sir, You are directed to procure immediately by purchase
 or Seizure six good Beavers, if they are purchased or seized you
 618. are not to exceed four Pence p^r Pound; you are to estimate
 the Net weight adding thereto the fifth Quarter.

W^l John Calmou

In Council, 13th July, 1781.
 Sir, From some profitable Captures made down the Bay and