

inconvenient, but must be very expensive to send the Clothing to your County, and in case the Draughts under the first Act should insist upon receiving it ~~the~~ before they march, we rely on your ^{your making use of} Influences to induce them to come here, you may assure them they shall not be disappointed, the Draughts from most of the Counties marched down with receiving the Clothing upon similar Assurances, and they have not repented their complying with our Requisition. We have appointed a special Court to try all offenders on the Eastern Shore which is to sit at Cambridge in Dorchester County you will therefore send the Persons taken under our warrants to that Court to be tried, whereby the Double Inconvenience and Expence of sending them hither will be avoided. We are sorry Mr. McBride has declined acting as Collector of Clothing, and request you would take that Duty on you or appoint a proper Person, the Cattle in those parts of your County which are exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy ought to be immediately purchased or seized agreeable to the Act for the immediate Supply of Clothing &c. secured and put upon good Pastures until our further Order is communicated.

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Col. George Dashiell.

In Council, 1st Aug^o 1781.

Sir, We are informed by the Lieutenant that there are many Cattle on those Parts of your County which are easily approached by and much exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy, and that there is great reason to believe they will fall into their Hands unless removed in Time and therefore request you will immediately purchase or seize one hundred of them agreeable to the Act for the immediate Supply of Clothing &c. then secure and put them on good Pastures subject to our future Order. The Lieutenants of your County will give you any Assistance you may want in this Business. If there should not be that Number exposed or if there should be more inform us by the first Opportunity.

W^m William McBride.

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