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Sir, In Council, 20th Aug. 1781.

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We have not time to answer your Letter fully, by this Opportunity, the Person who informed you the State Continental Money would not be received in the Treasury is exceedingly mistaken, so far from that the Assembly have directed it to be received for all public Debts at three for one hard Dollar and the last Empire as specie. You will give Directions to the Sheriff accordingly.

Joshua Beall Esq.

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Sir, In Council, 23rd Aug. 1781.

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The Troops at this Post are again totally without Flesh Provisions, we heartily expect Beef from you, and request you will immediately send the Fish and Bacon purchased by Col. Lyles to London Town. You must not delay one moment to send the Fish, we will furnish you with Money to pay the Hires of Waggons, you will inform us when the Fish will be at London Town Ferry that we ^{may} have Waggons down on the side to receive them. If Waggons, Carts and Teams with Drivers cannot be hired you must improvise them.

John Smith Brookes Esq.

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Upon your Recommendation we have agreed to take the Barges offered us by John Dene and others of Somerset County, at the Price asked and have given you an Order on the Treasurer of this Shire for the amount £230. We want one hundred Barrels of good Pork, and request you to purchase it immediately on the best Terms you can, (you have an Order on the Treasurer for five hundred Pounds to pay for the Pork. It must be sent up in the Barges, and we request that you will write on the Eastern Shire Council, and request the Favour of them to let Capt. Lally convey the Barge to this Place, and to take down the Articles you order up in her. We have wrote them on the Subject.

Col. George Deshields.

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We have Occasion for a Quantity of good Barrel Pork. Col. George Deshields informs us that he thinks it will be best for