

Circular
Sir

In Council 30th August 1781

No 707

& Detachment from the Main Army, with the French Troops, the Number of 7000 Men will be at the Head of Elk in eight Days, on their Way to Virginia) to act against Lord Cornwallis. General Washington has written very pressing for an immediate and large Supply of Flesh Provisions: we therefore direct you to procure by Purchase Beef & Cattle preferring those Parts of your County which are most exposed to the Ravage of the Enemy; and in Case the Owners will not consent to sell them upon the Terms prescribed by the Act for procuring an immediate Supply of Cloathing & Flesh Provisions &c. you will seize them agreeably to the said Act. You will also purchase all the Bacon, barrelled Pork and Beef in your County, if not to be purchased, you will seize what can be spared without distressing the Owners, agreeably to the Act to procure a Supply of Salt Meats &c. passed June 1780

Number of Cattle in each County

Somerset 600, Worcester 600, Dorchester 400, Talbot 350, Caroline 150, Queen Anns 350, Kent 300, Cecil 350, Harford 300, Baltimore 100, Ann Arundel 200, Prince Georges 200, Charles 200, Saint Mary's 200, Calvert 200, Montgomery 300, Frederick 200, and Washington 300.

Places of Deposit

Kent, Cecil, Caroline. The Cattle to be sent to the Head of Elk

Salted Provisions

Cecil, to be sent to the Head of Elk

Kent & Caroline to the Head of Elk

Somerset to be lodged at Prince Anns

Worcester, at Cambridge Snow Hill

Dorchester, at Cambridge

Talbot & Queen Anns, at the Head of Miles River

Somerset, Worcester, Dorchester, Talbot & Queen Anns, The Cattle to be put into good Pastures subject to the future Orders of the Board

Saint Mary's - at above

Harford, & Baltimore, Cattle & Salt Provisions, to Baltimore Town

Ann Arundel, Prince Georges, Charles, Calvert and Montgomery, at George Town

Frederick } Cattle to Fredericksburg

Washington } Salt Provisions to George Town

Money Lent

To Harford, Baltimore & Cecil, each 100^l by Purdy, Express

To Queen Anns, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, each 100^l by M. Weldon

To Montgomery 100^l by Express.

P.S. to Kent, Caroline, Cecil & Queen Anns "This Letter will supersede our Orders of Yesterday"

To the Commissioners of
the General Land Office