

Gentlemen.

In Council 6th Sept. 1781

The Resolutions on the Treasury require that all the Money

No 017. printed should be immediately carried in, we therefore request you to deliver the Money to the Treasurer immediately on its being in a proper State for signing.

Mess^{rs} Wilkins & Howard, Supervisors

Circular.
Sir.

In Council 6th Sept. 1781

It is absolutely necessary to have a considerable Number of Beef Cattle collected immediately, to supply a large Detachment of our Army, marching to Virginia, and the Fleet and Army of our Ally, now in Chesapeake and Virginia, acting against the common Enemy.

010. To facilitate and expedite the Collection of the Cattle, we request you to give every Aid to the Commissary of your County and furnish him, if it should become necessary, with a sufficient Number of Light Horse or Militia, to carry the Orders he has received from this Board, into Execution.

The Lieutenants of the several Counties.

In Council 6th Sept. 1781

Sir.

We have appointed you Commissary for Baltimore County in the Room of Mr. Benjamin Griffith, whom we have displaced, and do request you to collect Cattle in your County by Seizure, if the Owners will not freely and readily part with them for the last Emission, at the Price per Pound, limited by an Act of the last Session. The Necessity of

019. procuring immediately about four hundred Head, is great and very urgent, and will, we hope, induce you to accept the Appointment and exert yourself to the utmost. You must be sensible that a Failure in furnishing the Post at Baltimore with Provision for the Troops that will pass through in a few Days, must be attended with disagreeable and distressing Consequences to the Inhabitants, for the Army cannot and will not suffer, and Parties of Men will be ordered out to obtain the necessary Supplies. If you cannot accomplish this Business speedily without Assistance, we desire you to employ as many Persons as will enable you to execute this Order with Facility and Dispatch. Genl. Bouchaman has our Direction to furnish you with as many Light Horse and Militia, as will be necessary to obviate any Difficulties you might otherwise encounter from the Unwillingness of the People to receive the State Money, or their Aversion to a Seizure, and Power is given in throwing Obstacles in the Way to impede the Measures of Government calculated to assist and not obstruct the Operations of the Army.

Capt. George P. Shepards