

the same, giving a certificate for the quantities and qualities thereof, and lodging with the governor and council a copy of the certificate given by him, with samples of the goods seized; but such seizures are not to be made of the goods of any person who hath already assisted by sales of considerable quantities of goods for the public use, if what may be wanted can be obtained from others who have not heretofore afforded like assistance; and the governor and council are also authorized and requested to direct the commissaries in their counties which are most easily approachable by the enemy, and where there is danger that the stock may fall into the enemy's hands, to purchase such numbers of beef cattle as the governor and council shall think proper; and the said commissaries respectively shall estimate the weight of net beef of such cattle, and give his certificate of their number, kind, and estimated net weight, and keep a regular account thereof, and of the names of the persons of whom they were respectively received, in a book to be provided for that purpose; but if the owners of such cattle will not sell the same, then may the commissary where such refusal happens seize the same for the use of this state, giving such certificate and making such entry as aforesaid, and noting that the same were seized; and in case the owners of any cattle so purchased or seized shall desire the same, and time will permit, any justice of the peace may appoint two or three honest men, skilled in the weight of cattle, to adjudge the weight thereof, who are to certify the net weight of beef they adjudge them to be of, and the owners of such cattle shall be allowed four-pence specie per pound therefor, with allowance for the fifth quarter of one fourth part of the amount of the net beef added thereto; all which cattle, bought and seized, shall be speedily sent by the commissary purchasing or seizing the same, to such places, and delivered to such persons, as the governor and council shall direct; and each commissary shall return to the auditor-general, as soon as well may be, the original or a copy of his book of entries aforesaid; provided that no oxen now used for the draught, or milch cow, shall be taken against the will of the owner by virtue of this act.

III. And be it enacted, That the commissaries of the several and respective counties, under the direction of their respective lieutenants, shall have full power and authority to seize and take such beef cattle in the several and respective counties as are necessary for the militia, or any body of troops in their several or respective counties, if sufficient cannot be purchased, and shall give certificates for all cattle purchased or seized, estimated as aforesaid.

Commissaries  
to seize beef,  
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IV. And be it further enacted, That there be immediately collected in the several counties the respective numbers of horses following, to make up three hundred horses fit and proper to be trained and used as light horse, and three hundred sound able draught horses, by the persons herein after named, to wit: Saint Mary's county, fifteen for light horses and fifteen draught horses, by Richard Bond; Kent county, sixteen for light horses and seventeen draught horses, by George Hanson; Anne-Arundel county, twenty-two for light horses and twenty-three draught horses, by John Bullen; Calvert county, nine for light horses and nine draught horses, by Patrick Sim Smith; Charles county, nineteen for light horses and eighteen draught horses, by Daniel Jenifer; Baltimore county, twenty-six for light horses and twenty-seven draught horses,

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