

50¢ for Pork, and allow 5% Commission to the Purchaser. —
Should you want more Cash, you may have it by sending us of
Silver. — We request you would receive the remaining two
hundred \$ of Shoes from James Claypoles, and let us know
how our Gunsmiths go on by your work.

Jan^y 15th 1777.

We are &c

Patrick Henry Esq.

No 111.

Sir,
In pursuance of a Request from Congress of the 9th
inst: we have employed several persons to purchase Beef and
Pork to be salted for the Army. — The current Prices in this
State before this Resolution passed, were from 45¢ to 50¢ for
Stall Fed Beef, and from 50¢ to 52/6 for Pork. These
exorbitant prices were occasioned by different Causes, to wit, scarcity,
great quantities wanted for our armed forces, the extravagant Advances
paid on goods by merchants, and by private persons speculating.

It is not in our Power at this late season to lower these Prices much,
but have restricted our Agents to give from 35¢ to 45¢ for Beef, as in
goodness, and to 50¢ for Pork, Dollars & 7/6, and allow them
5% Commission for purchasing, and curing, the State being at
the expence of labourers for that purpose. We shall be happy
in co-operating with you hereafter, in this, as well as in every
other Resolution of Congress, in which our common Interest
is so firmly united.

Jan^y 15th 1777.

We are &c