

worthys Giving four hundred & fifty pound a Bar^l for it in this County, I have Ingaged Sixty Cattle, and hope in a few days to make up a Drove of One hundred, If I can only Be furnished with Cash to pay for them, I am afraid we shall not be able to get many Cattle, heare that is fit to Drive as the Cattle is Generaly young & small, sum Cattle may be had upon Certificate if the Collectors would Receive their Certificates in payment of the present assesment.

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Our people do not seem fond of Dealing in new mony: they ask me from Eighty to a hundred pounds p^r hundred for Beef in the common money I have not yet made them any offers, Untill I heare from you, and have Your Direction what to give in Common, Circulating money. I am afraid we shall get no more pork, at the price Limited, as the people Inform me they Can have Two hundred Dollars a barrel more for their pork: at their own Dores Ten Barel of what I got this week I allowed £400 for it being Excellent and Repacked with allom Salt the same man had Ten Bar: more that he offered me for £450: I hope that will not be allow'd as others will think hard if they have not a hier price if he gets that.

Sundry of Our Gent^a have offered to Inshure and Deliver Corn at Trentown for the same that the Corn Shipt by the head of Elk Cost or for the same that the Comesary at Philadelphia give in redy Cash for the Arme^y this they will do on Certificates if your Excellency & Co will only Direct me to ship it that way, and on these Conditions I am Convinced I should get a Considerable Quantity sent forward that way, I shall Ship Near Two thousand Bhs. of Corn & near forty Bar^s pork at Snow hill & Salesbury this week, as I heare the Crusars is Gone down the Bay, but for fear of their Return I am In hopes You will send down sum Vesels to Cover them, I have been Oblidge to Call on my Bro: Geo. Dashiell the Lieu^t of Somerset for several Thousand pounds to assist me to pay for provision, hope you will Give me an Order on him for Ten Thousand pounds or what you please, as I am Under Sundry In-gagements that I am afraid I Cannot Comply with as our people pay their Class money Very Slowly

I submit it to your Excellency, wheather we had not Better take Beaff on the Hoof for the Class mony I am fully Perswaded that I should get many good Cattle by it, and save the mony in hand.

I am sorry to Inform you that no mony will Be obtained here upon Lone, as I have Called on all my Brethren in that way and find they have got no more but what I informed you off, when I was Last at Annapolis. As soon as I make up a drove of One hundred Cattle I shall send them forward to the head of Elk. The Collectors of the Tax have not been Able to pay me one Shilling Yet they say Every one pay their Taxes in Certificates.

I hope the Barer M^r Price will bring me sum Cash to keep up my Credit, which I Can only barely Soport at Present. I sent you