

June 14 I would not be understood to censure any particular person (far be  
 Red Book it from me) I verily believe that the want of knowledge, workmen  
 No. 30 conveniences, and materials were the principle cause of those abuses  
 Letter 84 in the Leather, as that of coopers, good seasoned Staves, headings  
 (and hoops) as in the Casks and the want of Teams in the carriage,  
 and so in each case; as I have been so free in pointing out faults  
 there is no doubt but some general plan will be expected from me to  
 remedy them.

The plan I propose is that all the Wheat that lays adjacent to the  
 water be collected into Grainerys near to navigable Creeks and the  
 Rivers, and forward to the Head of the Bay, by craft as often as the  
 Enemy's Cruisers will permit, and there deposited into good grain-  
 erys and Mills, that can always Manufacture it into any sort of  
 Flour, as occasion may require, and where the offall will be con-  
 venient for Forage or the feeding of Cattle, (should any be brought  
 up unfit for Slaughter) that at least three fourths of the Beef and  
 pork be taken in, in Specific Supply alive, and be driven at the Head  
 of the Bay on foot, and there slaughtered and cured, where every  
 necessary convenience and material may be had, where the provisions  
 will be convenient to where they are wanted, where the Hides may be  
 properly taken care of and made into good Leather for the use of the  
 Army, where the whole may be found at any time when call'd for,  
 and where reports may be always had of the quantity and quality  
 on hand, I acknowledge myself pretty well worn out in the service,  
 and am not fond of going into any new scene of Action, but if the  
 plan laid down can be adopted (or something Similar (and no other  
 person fiter for the task be proposed) I will undertake it; and to  
 convince your Excellency and Honours that I am no other way In-  
 terested in this Scheme, than an Individual (as one of the com-  
 munity at Large) I will do the Business of Eastern shore in the way  
 I have proposed (for the same Sallery) that the General Assembly  
 lately appointed to me, and will be accountable for the curing the  
 provisions Taning the hides into good Leather, and in short superin-  
 tend the whole, rather than do it in the loose way we are now going  
 on, providing I am enabled to procure casks, Salt, and every other  
 necessary in time, and that the cattle and Hoggs be sent me fat and  
 Corn or other grain or Forage, be provided to keep them so, while  
 slaughtering and provision made to pay all workmen, laybourers and  
 other necessary Expences, my own travelling expences Included. if  
 what I have here proposed is thought worthy of the notice of your  
 Excell<sup>y</sup> & Honours, you are at Liberty to lay it before the General  
 Assembly, and rest assured that I have no other motive for making  
 this proposal, then that of doing business better, with less expence  
 to the State, and to have the provisions always convenient to where  
 they are wanted and ready when called for