

I have made application to M^r Beall who informs me, his situation and necessary for them is as great as my own—the Barrels you gave me an order on M^r Rozier for, is to good for the purpose of Flower, and their number very inconsiderable, they had better be reserved for Pork. If the Council will furnish me with money for one thousand Barrels, I can get them made immediately and without the Cash I cannot procure them, and without them the publick wheat will run a very great risque of being damaged and the Collection of the tax so far as relates to that article, be in a great measure enterupted. I pray you will please to take these matters under your consideration and favour me with your answer by M^r Crauford. As the fall is approaching tis time proper measures was taken to provide a sufficient number of good Barrels for the securing and packing away, what pork may be offered in payment of taxes agreeable to the late act for furnishing supplies—'twill not be in my power to make this necessary preparation, unless I am timeously furnished with the only means, which is money. The Commissioners of the Tax have nominated several places in this County, wherent the people may deliver their Pork in payment of their publick debts, this makes it necessary that a quantity of Barrels and Salt, should be lodged at each of those Places—how far the Commissioners were justifiable in their Conduct I will not pretend to say, but it appears to me that the legislature meant, and indeed express that only one place in each County should be nominated for the receipt and Curing of dead meat Provisions—their appointing several will necessarily increase the expence. I presume not less than one hundred thousand Pounds of Pork might be Collected in this County, in this winter, if the proper measures are adopted, and the necessary provisions made in time, & I think could I be furnished with money for that purpose, I should be able to do every thing that related to the duties of my office & without that, it will not be in my Power to do any thing to the purpose. I rely entirely upon your directions

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[Jas. Calhoun, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

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I had the honor to receive yours of this date and shall not fail to afford all the exertions I am capable of in collecting the public flour to Navigable Water so as it may be forwarded to our Army in Virginia.

At present there is between 4 & 500 B^{bles} in the Continental Magazine at this place which Gen^l Gist has directed the Quarter Master to send forward immediately, but not a Barrel to be borrowed, indeed it is not in the Town, I am purchasing for the supply of the French and am not able to get what they wanted in this place although I have the hard money to pay for it, however it will certainly come in very fast in a few days. By the return made me from Montgomery County there is 1185 Barrels Flour at George Town besides which