

In Council of Safety Ann. Dancy 16. 1777

Sir. The board received a letter from Capt. Nathaniel Smith of the 12th Instant informing him that Mess^{rs} Vanhubbart & Crockett had a quantity of Ticklenburgh that would answer well for tents. Be pleased to receive the ticklenburgh and have it made into proper Tents with all expedition. You will forward the amount of the ticklenburgh to the Council as soon as convenient

Sir we are much obliged for your favour in purchasing Beef and Pork and should be glad you could purchase a further quantity. we have advanced our prices and now give 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ for Beef fed on the marshes 41 for stall for Beef and from 45 to 50 for Pork and allow 5 per Cent. to the purchaser. Should you want more cash you may have it by sending us a line. We request you would receive the remaining two hundred pair of shoes from James Claypole and let us know how our gunsmiths go on by your next

Dancy 15th 1777

we are your most Obedt Servts

Thomas Smyth Esq^r

Chester Town

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Sir In pursuance of a request from Congress of the 9th inst we have employed several persons to purchase Beef & Pork to be ratted for the Army. The current prices in this State before this resolution passed were from 45 to 50 for stall fed Beef & from 50 to 52 for Pork these exorbitant prices were occasioned by different causes to wit scarcity great quantities wanted for our armed vessels the extravagant advance laid 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 allow at 76 and allow them 5 per cent. commission for purchasing and curing the State being at the expense of labourers for that purpose. We shall be happy in cooperating with you Excellency in this as well as in every other resolution of Congress in which our common interest is so fairly united

P. Henry Esq^r

Sir we received your two letters of the 13th and 16th of this instant and have sent you by Capt. Cooke the sum of one thousand and four hundred pounds in money. We sent up Capt. Rolby yesterday with a letter about the ship intend loading the ship entirely with Tobacco and as we expect the price to be very high at Baltimore