

ready come down to us and settle your account and get your
commissions
we are y^r most obed^t servants
Capt Frederick Seams.

Jan^y 21st 1777

Sir your favour of the 17th instant we received and are
pleased to find you will be able to purchase a quantity of
Beef for the use of the State we send you inclosed an order
on the Treasurer of your shew for £ 250 and will write to
him to advance to you any of the sum that may be
necessary for your purchase. As soon as a vessel can be
had belonging to the State we shall send you fifty bush-
els of salt for the lower counties of your shew and pa-
tent to be applied for curing Beef for Public use. When
we applied to you to undertake this business we expected
you would be prevailed on to engage in it rather from
a willingness to secure the property to serve the public
than the compensation offered however we think it pro-
per to let you know the expense of labourers in the purchase
and curing will be added as well as the commission
of price per cent on the price of Beef & butter

Col Rich^d Harrison we are y^r very o^bd^t s^rvts
Wm Cobby?

Jan^y 22nd 1777

Sir. We yesterday inclosed Col Robert Harrison our draft on
you for two hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of
Beef should he stand in need of more money you be pleased
to supply him with the further sum of two hundred and
fifty pounds
we are y^r very hum^{ble} servants
Wm Hindman Esq^r

Treasurer

Jan^y 22nd 1777

Sir. The Bearer Capt Pattison will deliver you fifty bushels
of salt you be pleased to have the tallow dried up & saved
for the use of the State the expense of which will be allowed
Col Robert Harrison
we are y^r very hum^{ble} servants

Jan^y 22. 1777

Sir. Your favours by the post and by express came safe to
hand enclosing resolves of congress, we are buying up provisions
with all diligence the season however is so far advanced that
we doubt no very considerable quantity of pork can be procured
we should have acknowledged the receipt of yours of the 9th
instant sooner but our President intended at that time
to do himself the honour of writing to you he has been indis-
posed this day or two past will probably be at Baltimore