

also wrote to Capt Campbell to assist with the enterprise and to call upon us for orders as Col: Gib also has direction to do. our assembly will then we expect be sitting and shall lay the dispatches before them and obey its command in the further prosecution of this business. For & on behalf &c.
John Hancock Esq.

Tal. City 6th 1777

Gent. We received yours of the 31st Inst and have sent you the commissions you wrote for. We observe what you have inclosed as an extract of the proceedings of the Committee relative to the errand in which you intend to call forth the militia. If the plan you have adopted be carried into execution by general consent perhaps there may be no complaint; but you must see very clearly that there is no compulsion intended by the requisition of Congress to command of Absen^t.
We are yr most Obedt Servts.
for Balt County

Feb 4. 1777

Here with you will receive the commissions desired for the eleventh Battalion. It is not in our power to say how long it may be necessary for the Militia now marching to tarry but presume & expect they will be relieved by the Regular Troops from recruiting joining the Army
Josiah Beall
We are &c

Ch. man Prince Georges County

Sir

Feb 5th 1777

Being informed by Major Howard that some good Beef may be had in yr neighbourhood and being ordered by the late convention to have a quantity salted up for the use of this State we must beg that you w^d unless if time you would purchase and have cured for us what can be had you may give 45/ for good stalled fed Beef and 35/ for good marsh beef the tallow must be dried up for the use of the State and you will be allowed what we gave at this the Expense of labourers and a com^{ty} of 5 per cent on the Cost of Beef & Casque presuming you may want salt for the purpose we inclose you an order on Capt Williams where you will be supplied
We are &c.

To Capt Tho Conaway. P.S. Be pleased to let Capt Conaway have what salt you may have to spare and he stands in need of for the purpose of curing Beef he may purchase for the use of the State. We are with respect
To Captain John Conaway about provisions for them