Gentlemen

Chester Town Nov.r the 27th 1776

I have not yet received any Salt for curing the Beef and Pork you gave me orders to purchase and unless it arrives soon the Season will be over for before I can begin to purchase any of those Articles. there is a good deal of Pork to sale in Kent Quarter tho' the Owners ask a very high price — you'll please to hurry over the Salt intend for me, unless it arrives soon it will be needless to attempt any purchase here this Fall —

I hope the Defence is safe arrived & have been unnecessary for her Safety as she has expended her proposed Cruise —

I am with much respect

Gent: your most Hble

Servt.

Thos Smyth

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