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York Town 15 Jany. 1778

Sir

From the best information I can gain on the subject, the inland route from North Carolina is as to the shortest land carriage, as at present — A considerable supplies of pork, salt, & other articles are to be looked for, not only from Carolina, but from the different rivers mentioned in the route, permit me to suggest to Congress the propriety of establishing boats & waggons at the several stages to be used at such times as the mouths of the rivers are in possession of the enemy —

This communication being in the hands of the public, would if aided by the respective States, effectually stop all peddling injurious to their service —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t humble Serv.t

Wm. Buchanan Com.y of P.

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

From South Quay, Albemarle Sound, to Suffolk

on James River		16 miles	13 waggons
James River to York river	2		2
York river to Rappahanock	20		14
Rapahanock to Potowmack	12		9
Bladensburg on Potowmack to Elk Ridge landing at the Head of Patapsco	25		17
	75		55

Thence to the Head of Chesapeak, is very rarely interrupted by