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May it please your Excellency

In consequency of my address to your Excellency and the Honorable the Council, Mr. Huggins was Ordered to appear and make Answer to the Charges by me in my said Address alledged against him.

And at the Time of his Appearing before your Excellency it will not be in my Power to attend in Person, by Reason of my being obliged to go into the Country to purchase Provisions for the Camp by Orders of the Commissary General of Provisions.

I therefore humbly hope your Excellency and the Honorable Council will not suffer the said Mr. Huggins to take any Advantage of my absence.

And further I must beg leave to Inform your Excellency That part of the Cattle taken from me by Mr. Huggins, he the said Huggins had never seen nor heard of before the Time of taking.

I am informed Mr. Huggins means to make a plea in his Defence That I paid for the said Cattle in Gold and Silver. but I solemnly declare I paid for them in paper Money Currency of the States.

I hope your Excellency and the Honorable Council will Order therein what to you shall seem fitting as also if you shall think necessary that the said Mr. Huggins give sufficient Security for the payment of any Money.

I am Yr. Excellency's
most Obedient
Humble Servant
Engelhard Geiser

Baltimore Town
January 9th 1778

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