D. Sir 42 Led. Town the 10th Jany 1770 42

I rec.d your Letter by Mr Mills, informing
of his resigning the Sheriffs Office, and your request
for me to recommend a proper Person for it. In
consequence of which I have made application
to three Gentlemen that I thought would answer
well, who refused thinking the Office not adequate
to the trouble. Since which I have been informed
by Maj. Thomas that you have appointed Zach.
Forrest to it, which I am will pleased to hear, as I
think he is well qualified for it. I really began to
be doubtful whether any one would accept of it.
that was any ways qualified, as I am tolerable
well ~~satisfied~~ convinced it will not be very profitable, a
common Labourer here can git much more than
the Under Sheriffs formerly received, and the ex-
-pences attending the business in proportion.
I shall endeavour to procure the Pork for the Militia
agreeable to your directions, its what I have thought
for some time past ought to be done, together with some
flour or bread, which we are more troubled to procure
than any thing else, and in a dry time in the Sum-
-mer, not to be had at any rate. I have received
from Mr. Bowies four hundred pounds part of
the money for the Vessels and goods that were rec.d
from Dunmores Fleet, for the purchase of the
Pork, and what more may be wanting shall git

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