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My being from home, prevented my receiving your Excellency's commission (dated the 24th ult.) till late last night; It is come at a very unlucky time, as I have been preparing to Camp, and fully intended to set out this week, but the urgent necessity there is to have this Commission executed induces me to postpone this jaunt. The prospect for the purchasing of provisions in this county is dreary, neither pork, or salted beef is to be had at all, and I fear not more than 15 or 16 ℔ of Bacon, if so much: However I will do the best I can for the service — My present plan is to appoint an Assistant in each parish, and another in Port Tobacco Town while I myself go round to every man and Woman of consequence in the county, and endeavor to prevail on them to furnish liberally, the Ready will be a powerful Argument, and the sooner it arrives the better. What provisions may be purchased in this, I suppose bringing to this place; and to have the bacon packt in Hhds or casks with Hickory ashes, the best preservative for bacon that I know of — Cast to purchase the above quantity and Eight or ten beeves with expence attend. thereon, I fear will be Suff.— But should more be wanting, I can easily apply for it, and if more

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