Sir

I have made what enquiry I can about Barrells to pack Pork in but can hear of none to be had, Mr Yates tells me he can get none at Notingham where he got supplies last Year, the Cooper in this Town who supplied me last Year will not ingage any, the Journy Men he had then being gone & he has now none but Boys, who can only make Flower Barrells which he sells at two Dollars each, he says he may get a Man to hire this Winter which if he does he will make me some Pork bbls. at Six dollars each but that is uncertain

Wm McComb who purchas'd for the Delaware States at this Town last Year packed his Pork in Flower Barrells & I am told it kept very well, when I see him shall enquire of himself. I have been informd that he expects to purchase Pork here the[illegible] for the Delaware States, if so doubt if Pork will be under £10. indeed many people here declare they will not sell unless they can get £10. Corn has taken such a rise that makes them look for a great price for their Pork, tho it is the general opinion among the Purchasers that it will not exceed twenty Dollars as there is great Quantities in the Country, & there was a great mast this season which is a great help to the Corn, being scarce this Year

It is now time I had the Salt, as Pork will be coming in in a few days. I have a little to begin with that was left last Year, I am with due respect

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Chester Town Sr your Most ble Serv

Novr 28. 1778 J Bolton

Since Writing the above I am Credibly informd the State Purchasers are giving £10. in Queen Anns & that Mr James Flutchings is giving 30 dollars Cont: for Pork, Many have offerd me at £10 & will not take less Decr 4.