Talbot County Decr 8th 1778

Honorable Sir

The Boat being A Depart this Day I could not get more than 16 Barrels of Corn on Board - I find great Industry have Been Lost week A Engage Corn and pork. I Rode all Saterday and yesterday found But Litle Disengaged. this week will Determin what I Can Do and will advise you therof - I fell inn By ~~and~~ accident with 20 fat Turkeys - the Convenience of a passage induced me to Send them over, & you alsoe also about 10 Bushl of good oysters

I am your Excellencys Most obedient Humble Servt

Jas Baker

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

N.B. if Something is not Done immediately with the speculating Gentry they will engross all the Corn and pork - the Laughs at any Law that Can Be Made to prevent them - they now give 30 Dollars for pork 5-0-0 for Corn and 20 Dollars for Beef -

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