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Honorable Sir I have now Taken in 12000 of pork and have Engaged 25000 more that I expect will be in By the Last of this Month. I stand in need of Salt and Barrels also Cask Sufficient for the above Quantity. the Meat I first Received will be put into Some Cask I have formaly French Stated But find they will not Save it there the Summer — in all Probability the River May about Christmas be frose up in such Case if a Sufficient Quantity of Cask Salt and Barrels are not Sent over the Meat may be Lost — the Coopers are now waighting and I have provided poles — the Salt that Came was of such a Large Size and Hardness I was under a Necessity to Send it to a Mill and have it Ground or the Meate would not Save By it — Mr John Gibson Mant Bring over Cask and the Boat Can too Soon be here with Barrel Staves and Salt — Some fine Some Coarse — this Lucky opty By Mr Harris From this place have prevented My Sending Express if I do not hear from you Honours in two Days I Must Send over — I am with Respect your Hon's

Most obedient Hble Servt

Ls Baker

N.B. the purchases for the Contract at 30 Dro as they Say have Lallent Dr 10 —