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Dorset County Shipstore Mill Febr 19th 1778

Honorable Sir

161 I have just time to Inform you by the Negro of the Honble Lord that I wrote you on the 4th by the Sloop - that I had ~~not~~ purchased 12000 wt of pork and had about 25000 Ingaged - that I wanted Barrells Salt and Cask - that three Coopers were now weighting - & Make up the Staves which I expected would a been over before now that the pickles were Ready and that if the Staves Does not soon Come I Shall be under a Necessity to Discharge the Coopers as Many other persons are now weighting for them - in such Case the 12000 weight of pork Must be Lost and I Must give Notice to the persons with whom I have agreed not to Depend on me - indeed Every Day of my Disability to go on is a Loss - I have packt up all the Cask I had by me and will Send them over with the Vessel that Brings the nett Materials. I Should a Sent an Express Tomorrow had not this favorable opty offered - three Days more will Certainly Determine wheather the Boat Comes or not - after which I must Send over - Mr James Hutchings has Raised again to 30 Dollars per Hundred which will I think Make Many of my Men fly the way - I am your

Honors Most obedient

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