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Elk 15th Sept 1781 —

Sir

all the Cattle which are coming in from the Eastward with those furnished by your district are to be delivered to Mr Yeates D. Commy for the State of Maryland who has received Instructions how to dispose of them, you will deliver him all the Cattle you possibly can: and press the County Contractors to procure the supplys required without delay. the necessity of Provisions southwardly and the greatest demand: will require your utmost exertion and punctual compliance with every demand — the season for salting provisions is near at hand and if our Army remains to the southward very large requisitions will be made for salt provisions

have therefore to request you to make preparation in salt and Barrels for the above purpose — I shall wait upon your Governor and Council upon my way down, and represent to them the necessity of preparing the above mentioned Articles. and make no doubt but they will make proper provision — I remain with much Esteem Sir

Your most Obedt Hble Servt

Ephraim Blaine C.G.

Colo. Hollingsworth
State Agent

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