Head of Elk 12th February 1781

And please Your Excellcy and Honours

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The difficulties I am at to collect the Forage purchased by Mr Williams Comissary for this County determines me to set up a Waggon or two on Account of the State, at this Post for the use thereof, as the Continental Waggons here are much reduced in both quantity and quality, which has prevented me from compleat-ing my Returns for the last year, as the Flour has been all ready for some times and I Expect will be forwarded this week, the Bread nearly Ready, which as soon as deliveries are made, Returns shall be made out and sent to your Excellency and Honours — in consequence of the above I have bespake a Waggon and Harness with bagge &c. and if there is any Spare Horses belonging to the State at any Posts, not in immediate use, am of Opinion they could be removed to this with-out any detriment to them, as their business would principally be collecting of Forage, a Service which Horses will thrive at. I have heard of two Horses taken from Nonjurors which have returned, shall seek them and if they belong to the State apply them to this Service, and if none others can be had from other Posts, must buy, at least as many as will compleat one Team, as I dont see that we can do without it. I have drawn the Eight thousand pounds Continental of Mr Pat.k Hamilton Collector for this County, which I got the Order for Sept.r last. (to enable me to compleat this business) and if there be any such Horses should be glad to have an Order for them, and am

Your Excellency and Honours

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Most Obedient Humble Servt

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