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Sir. Richmond Dec.r 26.th 1780.

I suppose your Excellency hath by this been notified by General Greene of my appointment to the office of Deputy Quarter Master General to the southern Army, with a request that my applications in that line of duty might be attended to. I therefore now do myself the Honor to address your Excellency generally on the subject - as I have not been made so well acquainted with the state of the business as to enable me to be particular - as soon as I have made such dispositions as to set Virginia in regular motion, I shall repair to the Army and make such a general disposition as to acquaint each state of the claims we shall have on them for supplies, and shall endeavour to make my arrangements in such a manner that the different States shall be call'd on in due season, & our exertions produce their desired effects. However I have now to ask that your Excellency will be pleased to inform me who is at present acting as Continental Deputy Quarter Master General within the state of Maryland, from whom he received his appointment, and whether he is qualified for the office. should there be none, or should the person be unfit for the office, I should be obliged to your Excellency to nominate a proper person to whom I will immediately send a Commission and necessary instructions, Your Excellency will observe

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