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We have received your Letter of the 10th, with the Accounts therein mentioned, and shall be obliged to you for the "Estimate", which you say you can furnish, "of the Camp Equipage and Stores for such an Army as is mentioned, together with the Teams & Apparatus proper to put it in motion, with the Artificers, Wagoners, and other different Agents of every Denomination to accompany it."

When we had a Conference with Col. Cox, among other things, we desired in particular to have as soon as possible a Return of the number of Horses and Teams, purchased since the 2^d of March 1778, & the Prices, and the number now belonging to the Continent, — which he gave us reason to expect we should receive in a short time — we also requested an Account of the Quantity

Species & Prices of Forage purchased in the same time.

This Return and Account we should be very glad to receive.

We inclose a Copy of M^r. John Bancker's Memorial referred to us; and as it relates to a transaction in your Department, We desire you will be pleased to order an Enquiry to be made, and a State of the Facts to be transmitted to us.

We are Sir,

Philadelphia
August 20th 1789

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Nath. Tucker

Major General Green

[Philadelphia, August 20, 1779]

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Major General Green

Sir,

Your Letter of the 21th of last Month, addressed to my Brother is for, came to my Hands yesterday, with the Return you mentioned to be inclosed.

I am truly sorry, we fall so far short of your Request, which is owing to some particular Circumstances, whereby this State has been distressed, and not to want of Zeal in the Common Cause. In the late Session of our Legislature within Month, we have adopted the most vigorous Measure, for recruiting our Regiment, and for sending suitable Supplies to those brave Men, who have from you so honorable a Testimony of their Gallantry & good Conduct.

As far as my Authority or
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Influence extends, You may be assured, that every Section shall be made by this State, for cooperating with you in your Design for promoting the public Welfare; and at the same time, that I heartily congratulate you on the Event, that have lately taken Place, my Hopes strongly represent to me those "agreeable Scenes," which I expect to find realized.

By a late Resolution of our General Assembly it is recommended to me, to give orders to our Officers now in the State and not possess'd of War, when duly supplied, to join their Regiment, so that the other Officers thereof under your Command, may, if they think proper, apply

for

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to take their Places.

If this Application
is made to You, your granting it will give
Reason to the State, & to

Yrs,

Your very humble servant,

Wm Dickinson

New Castle

Nov: 25th - 1781

General Gages

[New Castle, November 24, 1781]

Sir

Your Letter of the 24th of last Month, addressed to my Predecessor, came to my Hands Yesterday, with the Return You mentioned to be inclosed.

I am truly sorry, We fall so short of our Quotas, which is owing to some particular Circumstance, whereby this State has been distressed, and not to want of Zeal in the Common Cause.

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New Castle
Novr. 24th 1781

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