

SUPPLEMENT

Ants of New Jersey, Pennsylvania,
Maryland, and Virginia.

Ands, Countrymen, and Fellow Citizens!

AFTER three campaigns, during which the brave subjects of these states have contended, not unsuccessfully, with one of the most powerful kingdoms on earth, we now find ourselves at least upon a level with our opponents, and there is the best reason to believe that efforts adequate to the abilities of this country would enable us speedily to conclude the war, and to secure the invaluable blessings of peace, liberty, and safety. With this view, it is in contemplation, at the opening of the next campaign, to assemble a force sufficient, not barely to recover the country from a repetition of those depredations which it hath already suffered, but also to operate offensively, and to strike some decisive blow.

In the prosecution of this object, it is to be feared that so large an army may suffer for the want of provisions. The distance between this and the Eastern states, whence considerable supplies of flesh have been hitherto drawn, will necessarily render these supplies extremely precarious; and unless the virtuous yeomanry of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, will exert themselves to prepare cattle for the use of the army in the months of May, June, and July next, great inconvenience will arise in the course of the campaign. It is the inhabitants of those states who are immediately affected by this want, and it is their duty to exert themselves to supply the deficiency. A bountiful price will be offered for all cattle that they may be driven to the service of the illustrious cause. It is a great degree to shew that they are not so insensible to the public interest as to exert themselves upon these generous principles, the private interest of those whose situation makes them liable to become immediate subjects to the enemies incursions should prompt them at least to a measure which is calculated to save their property from plunder, their families from insult, and their own persons from abuse, hopelessness confinement, or perhaps a violent death.

G. WASHINGTON.

Head Quarters, Valley Forge, Feb. 18, 1778.

IT is hoped that the inhabitants of Virginia, of all ranks, have too much virtue to slight what is recommended to them by our worthy Generalissimo. The principles of humanity unite with the public safety in forbidding that the army should suffer through want of provisions. It will suffer, and by that means the most dreadful consequences ensue, unless due attention is paid to what is here asked for. Those who can possibly spare cattle, that may be fit for use, by May, June, or July, are requested to give information thereof to the County Lieutenant of the county, who is hereby desired to acquaint me with the number of cattle which may be procured from each county respectively. This measure is adopted in order that this state may make a vigorous effort to support the army, and prevent the calamities consequent upon their wanting provisions; and it is not without good ground, I trust, that our brave countrymen in the field expect much assistance from us.

By advice of Council.

P. HENRY.

SINCE publishing the above, by advice of the Council, I have employed Mr. John Hawkins of Hatter county to collect beef and bacon for the grand army. All persons who can furnish either of these articles are requested to inform the said Mr. Hawkins, or some of his agents, thereof. Informations respecting this business coming to me from the County Lieutenants, or others, will be speedily sent to him. I do once more earnestly recommend this important matter to all ranks of people in the state.

P. HENRY.

April 3.

Arrived at Halifax, laden with
safely conducted into Eden-
burg, by three American sailors
at 30,000 l.

Mr. Austin Brockenburgh, dated
Feb. 30, 1777, to his brother Dr. John
Brockenburgh, at Hobb's Hole, in Virginia.

Now your firm attachment to the parent state, it must give you pleasure to think poor Old England is at this time in a situation to bid defiance to all her enemies, or perhaps to all the powers in the world. Pray is not the dregs (you physical people, I believe, call it virus) purged off from our colony? And don't you think, after the labours of this summer, a person venturing over may have some hope of enjoying a good and vigorous constitution? We are informed here, by private letters, that the nobility can't please any longer, that our friends begin to grow refractory, and mean to turn the tables upon the Dictator, Congress, Committees, &c. &c. From the commencement of these unhappy troubles, it has ever been a matter of the greatest concern and astonishment to me that such a sensible people as the Virginians should so long be blinded by absurdity and falsehoods. The campaign will probably lay open the avenues to truth, and pull the film from off their eyes. I hope the war will be kept at a distance from you; it would be doubly horrible in our colony. The very idea shocks me. As I have the most ardent desire to see the war at an end, so it is my fervent prayer that all private enmities may end likewise.

ADVERTISEMENTS

On the sixteenth of next month, being court day (if day, otherwise next fair day) will be exposed to sale, for ready money, part of the estate of the late General Mercer, viz. A tract of land on the Fall Hill, two miles from Fredericksburg, containing three hundred acres, on which are good improvements, three lots of half acres conveniently situated in the said town, and the lease of an improved lot on the main street, negroes, stock, among which is a fine high blooded mare got by old Aristotle, household furniture, plate, a choice collection of books, drugs, surgical instruments, and shop furniture and utensils. At the same time will be rented, a well frequented ferry at the lower end of the town. All persons indebted to the estate are desired to make immediate payment, and those who have demands against it will make them known before or at the sale. As it appears from memorandums, that a number of books and other things are lent out, it is expected they will be returned by the day of sale.

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THE EXECUTORS.

THE noted high blooded horse Traveller will stand at the subscriber's in Charles City county, and will cover mares at three pounds the season, or five pounds insurance. Traveller is in great perfection, upwards of fifteen hands high, and a fine bay. He was got by Morton's old Traveller, his dam by old Janus, out of a high blooded imported mare. Good pasturage for mares gratis, but I will not be answerable for any that may get away. The money must be sent with the mares, or they will not be received.

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JOHN EDLOE.

TRAVELLER, a fine bay horse bred by the Hon. John Tayloe, now in prime health and vigour, full fifteen hands high, and rising six years old, will stand at my house in Essex county to cover mares at five pounds the season, or forty shillings the leap. Good pasturage gratis, but I will not be answerable for escapes. He was got by Torick, his dam was a daughter of old Traveller's, out of Col. Tayloe's imported mare Jenny Cameron.

ROBERT P. WARING.

MASTER STEPHEN, a beautiful imported horse upwards of fifteen hands and a half high, a fine bay, and got by Regulus, the sire of old Fearnought, out of a high bred mare, stands at Sir John Peyton's, in Gloucester county, to cover at three pounds the season, or thirty shillings the leap; the money to be sent with the mares. Good pasturage, and care shall be taken of the mares, gratis; but I will not be answerable for accidents.

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THOMAS BEXTON.

