

Fredericksburgh Sept. 29. 1780 ^{# 129}

Dear Col.

I have just time to write you a short letter by Col. Finnie — he will present you with my books of returns which contains copies of all the returns of purchases which have been made me while acting under the direction of Col. Wadsworth and yourself; likewise general return and account current for each — you will find those since the first of March at the latter end of the book. Balance of account in my favor £ 236, 687, - 7 - 4 V. Currency — besides this sum I shall have a farther return made by M^r. Tate for convention troops, and Col^o. Hendricks for Fish, which I expect will amount to near £ 100,000, ^{this} which I will bring with me in a few days —

I thought it necessary to forward my returns that you may procure immediately a warrant on the State of Virginia for the balance as the quarter part of the sum is already received from Sheriffs and Collectors of taxes, and the Auditors next month will move against them for settlement, and they have nothing to show but my drafts on the Treasury which will be denied credit unless you can procure me a warrant to cover them —

The enclosed letter from the Executive will point out to you the prospect I have of supplying the Convention troops with bread — My agent there who has lately resigned is in debt to the people 80 or 100,000 £ and until
(that)

that Sum is paid - I have no hopes of getting credit for two pence in that quarter -

The above letter will show you that it is not in ^{my} power to send you beef to Philadelphia indeed I do not think they can ~~send~~ ^{buy} the Convention troops with beef till January on their present plan, when every man has it in his power to get what Sum he pleases for his cattle.

Our situation in this quarter is deplorable the purchasing season coming on and no preparations can be made - I cannot even engage for a pork barrel -

Your very hum serv^t -

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