

Portsmouth July 20th 1822

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Sir

I was honoured with your fav^r of yesterday
where Capt. Salter informed you, that I might want
a supply of fresh beef. He mentioned to me a
few days past, that the State had beef to dispose
of, and if the Ships expected to arrive in this Port
for a number of Months I am preparing for the
French Navy sh^d want beef, it was probable
I might be supplied through the public Committee
of Safety. I told him if the Ships arrived no
 ~~doubt~~ doubt a large quantity would be cal^d for
to supply them while in Harbour, and should
give the preference to the State in this, as well;
on all occasions, provided the beef was good.
At present I cannot say what number of oxen
may be necessary; on their arrival will inform
you nearly as may be in my power, I shall
purchase, beef, hide, & Tallow at a price that
may be agreed on. If you think it ad-
visable to keep any Cattle on the strength of
this representation, you may depend on my
application

application when the Ships arrive, The amt. of
what I shall take will be paid for in Cash im-
mediately. remaining Respectfully

Sir, Y^r m^t. ob^d. h^l. Serv^t.
Josh^l. Wentworth

(Addressed to Messrs. Wear.)