

and the two companies of Regulars on the Continental Establishment. c. s. c.

We are &c.

General Smallwood.

[Nathaniel Smith to Council.]

The Hon^{ble} Council of Safety.

Gentlemen. When I was last at Annapolis, I had the promise of cloathing for my company. Capt. Fulford had then an order on the commissary of Stores, to supply the matrosses first, at that time M^r Howard was so engaged, that he cou'd not, or wou'd not deliever them. Since that, I sent down Lev^t Moore who told me he cou'd not get them, at that time he obtained an order for shoes only, my men are now allmost naked, if the cloath for their coats and Jacketts, is not readey, must beg you would send me an order by Capt. Furnaval on the commissary here, for linin for their shirts. I shou'd be glad as soon as convenient, for the province to have all their cloathing.

I hope you will allow my men, in regard to britches, the same as Capt. Furnaval's, that is they are to have leather, and pay out of their own pockets ten shillings a pair. my men have ben very uneasy in regard to their not having as much pay as Continental Troops, and assure you it will be very troublesome, keeping them in order. They petitioned you some time ago. I have now sent in a Petition to the Honble House of Assembly to the same puirport. I must beg if in your power to assist me to git it granted as soon as convenient to the Honble House.

I shoud be glad there coud be some alterations in the Articals of War as its out of my power at any time to call a general Court Martial, not having officers enough agreeable to our present rules and the Continental officers say they have no right to set on Provincial Troops. Let their crimes be what they will I can punish with only fifteen lashes. I woud not by this have you think me cruel, or that I wish to punish my fellow creatures with more than they can bear or deserve, but the punishment I am now allowed to inflict is by no means equal to some of their crimes.

I should have waited on you, but had the misfortune to hurt one of my legs about three weeks ago, since which have not ben able to walk very little.

I am Gentlemen,

Baltimore 15th Feb^y 1777.

Your most humble Serv^t

To The Hon^{ble} Council of Safety,
Annapolis

Nath. Smith.