

c. c. of the Prisoners and other Considerations of as much Weight, that a pretty strong Guard should be kept. I therefore request that your Battalion & Companies may furnish, on Charles Beatty Esquire's Orders, what will be sufficient, 'til a Guard Company can be inrolled; he will apportion the Duty, as nearly equal as he can, Situation and Circumstances considered, & your Assistance to get the Guard Company inrolled, will soon make an End of the Occasion of this Duty which, I wish to be as short as possible I am Gen^t &^{ca}

To the Col^s of the Battalions in }
 Fred^k County and the Cap^{ts} of }
 the Half Battalion.

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[Gov. Johnson to Smallwood.]

Annapolis 31st Dec^r 1777.

Sir

This, I expect, will be handed to you by Cap^t Brown, who commands one of the Artillery Companies to be sent from hence under the inclosed Resolution. I have given him Orders to march to you at Wilmington and similar Orders to Cap^t Dorsey of the other Company, if he is ready to march, of which I am doubtful. I have given them Orders to march to Wilmington rather than to the Valley Forge, presuming that if they should be less useful at Wilmington, or, if General Washington should chuse to have them with the Main Body, the Difference of the Distance will not be very great and you will be better able than myself to direct the Rout. I do not know whether it will suit with the General Plan of the Army to have these two Companies separate Corps, if not, Imagine they will probably be joined to some other Body of Artillery and, if they are, or a Major should be appointed to command both Companies, I should think it but Justice that Maj^r Fulford or Maj^r Smith should have the Appointment, if they chuse. I inclose you a Copy of our Recruiting Act and submit it to you whether it would not be well to send an Officer to each of our County Court Houses or, at least, the most of them, to receive the Recruits. I do not know what Success we may have, but the Bounty seems to be sufficient, if any Bounty will do.

Gen^l Smallwood.I am Sir &^{ca}

C. B.

Thursday 1st January 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joshua Frazier forty five Pounds for rent of his House as a Guard