

c. c. secured and new Men may be expected to inlist. If the public Stock of Cloathing is such as that the recruiting Parties might have sufficient to dress the Recruits immediately on their inlisting, we doubt not it would have the wished Effect. We hope Sir that the Situation of the Army may permit you to spare recruiting Parties agreeable to the Desire of the Assembly, we shall with great Chearfulness promote the Business all in our Power and, we flatter ourselves, not without Success.

General Washington

We are Sir with the highest
Regard &^{ca}

[Council to Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 26th March 1779

Sir.

We this Morning received your Letter of the 17th Ins^t by M^r Baldwin; It was necessary to have the Sense of the Assembly on several Points of yours of the 23^d Feb^{ry} before we could answer it. The Assembly broke up last Night and we are just now furnished with their Proceedings. Lieut^t Toomy was certainly not intitled to the 400 Dollars nor did we expect that Major Howard would have paid any of the Money away. M^r Baldwin tells us that your Officer returned again with the 10936 Dollars without exchanging them: you'll see by one of the inclosed Resolutions, we are to change them. The Sense of the Assembly is, that the Staff as well as Regimental Officers are to have the 400 Dollars. We have no Account of the Officers in the Rifle or German Regiments. We have paid M^r Baldwin his 400 Dollars. The inclosed Resolutions must evince to our Officers the Attention of the Assembly, their Desire to do them full Iustice; it is difficult, we are afraid, impossible to give entire Satisfaction to every Individual, but when the Assembly demonstrates so fully their Disposition to put every Thing on its just Footing and the Uneasiness of any must proceed from something within himself or the embarrassed Situation of our Affairs, we hope the the Officers will still continue to act. We shall attend to your Recommendation of M^r Baldwin and should be fuller if the Time would permit but we fear this will be full late for the Post.

We are &^{ca}

General Smallwood.

c. B.

Saturday 27th March 1779

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Simon