

to M<sup>r</sup> Forman on the Subject. You'll send us an Account as c. c. soon as you can of the Quantities of Cloathing received, the price will not be so material, the Quantities delivered and what yet is deficient.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

The Thread is just sufficient }  
to make up the Brittanies and }  
designed for that Purpose }

To M<sup>r</sup> John Randall.

[Smallwood to Johnson.]

Original

Wilmington April 2<sup>d</sup> 1778.

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth pursuant to Instructions from the Board of War has called on me for a guard to escort the removal of the Stores out of the Peninsula below to some place of greater security, back in the Country, which is a very Necessary Measure as those parts are Subject to, and even threatned with an Invasion, which there are disaffected enough to countenance and even Intercept those stores without the aid of any Considerable drafts from the Enemy's forces, the present weakness of this Garrison will not admit of a draft sufficient to aid Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth to effect this purpose, and he has little reason to expect any aid from the Militia of this state. I have therefore recommended him to apply to you for a Company or two of Militia to assist him in this pursuit

Many of the Troops here are in great want of Cloathing particularly Shirts & breeches, which you will Please give orders to have forwarded, & direct the recruits to be marched here with all possible dispatch, to strengthen the Regiments at this post which is much expos'd and daily threatned with a stroke from the Enemy both by Land & Water. We are not more weak in men than Officers, having but five Field Officers in Garrison, and want Captains in as great a degree, which shews the Expediency of calling in the Officers on furlough & recruits Immediately; We have the strongest assurance that General Howe is drawing his forces to a point, having ordered the troops from Rhode Island and four Reg<sup>ts</sup> from New York great part of the Latter arrived some days ago at Philad<sup>a</sup> and the former are daily expected under the Convoy of Lord Howe, this ought to rouse the States to the most Vigorous Exertions in pushing forward their respective Quota's should be glad to know if you have had the Officers debited with the money I advanced them for the recruiting