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Duty of the Cloathier General to distribute the Cloth that is provided with impartiality, if it has not been the case, we shall be able soon to give your Excellency information upon the subject. The present Cloathier General is a native of Maryland a man of Honor and a good officer and we believe I can undertake to say that no partial distribution has been made since his appointment

We shall endeavour by the first opportunity to inform you of the Cloathing & Military Stores annually imported by the United States. The quantity will be so small that we believe it will give your Excellency very little pleasure; and if the ten thousand suits which ought to have come out in the Alliance and is now daily expected in the Ariel, does not arrive, and the State cannot furnish Cloathing for their own Troops, they must be in a most deplorable situation through the whole of the approaching Season; for little or none can be expected from the Board of War; we shall however take every step in our power to secure for our own Troops their share of that little, small as it is.

The Cloathing which Maj^r Giles drew at Camp for the new-raised Reg^t is now here, and we shall detain the officer, which he employed in this Business for five or six days, in which time the Secretary of the Board of war assures us they shall be finished; we do this the more readily as it corresponds with the Majors orders.

Your Excellency's Letter to the Board of War we shall seal and deliver; and if our Exertion can avail any thing, they shall be employed in behalf of our gallant tho unfortunate Countrymen.

Brigadier Smallwood has been appointed by the unanimous voice of thirteen States a Maj^r General. This will give the State some pleasure tho' it is not all that she has a right to expect from Congress; the Troops of other States have received the Thanks of Congress for displaying less gallantry than has lately been exhibited by the Delaware & Maryland lines.

We have no intelligence to communicate. Reports prevail that the French Fleet is arrived at Rhode Island, but it wants confirmation: Admiral Rodney is still at the Hook, and Graves is out. By the last letters from Camp preparations were making for an embarkation. The Conjectures respecting their destination was communicated to you a few Days ago.

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[Dan'l Jenifer, Portobacco to Gov. Lee]

Sir By the inclosed Letter your Ex^{cy} will perceive that the Baltimorians are at their old tricks again; endeavoring to starve the Army I have been quite through the county Except in Benedict and have the promise of many Cattle, but very little dependance is to be put in the promises of the people now a days; the 15th of next month