

have not adverted to, otherways am persuaded they must have C. S. C.  
seen the impropriety of allowing one & not the other, for you  
must be sensible that clean spatterdashes as well as hunting  
shirts must cover a multitude of blemishes in the dress &  
appearance of the regiment, which I would most earnestly wish  
to appear as respectable, & to become as formidable as might  
be, under our present disadvantageous situation respecting  
military matters; this therefore I hope you'll take under con-  
sideration, flatter myself as the expence will be trifling, you  
will be induced to purchase as much oznab<sup>s</sup> or whats much  
better (if to be had) Russia sheeting as will answer this pur-  
pose. I know the Public business is very pressing & that you  
will be much engaged, yet I must entreat you to purchase  
what cloths are to be had in Baltimore suitable for soldiers  
cloathing (also sail duck for Tents) the men inlisted must be  
very bare, as the Capt<sup>s</sup> are continually pressing me to know  
how they are to be furnished with cloaths, urging that they  
cannot march them to their station till clad. Intrenching tools  
&c imagine may be made here at any time, I think you must  
judge it essentially necessary to request M<sup>r</sup> Johnson or some  
other of our Congress members, to write Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington to  
send us a good adjutant or two, for the use of the Province in  
general, who as an encouragem<sup>t</sup> might be allowed more than  
the common wages. I am with much deference Gent<sup>l</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> very  
obed<sup>t</sup> Hb<sup>l</sup>e Ser<sup>t</sup> W. Smallwood.

[R. Hooe to Council.]

Original.

To the Honble. the Council of Safety for the  
Province of Maryland.

I beg leave to recommend Cap<sup>t</sup> William Campbell and Cap-  
tain Belam Posey, two Gentlemen at the head of Militia Com-  
panys in Charles County who have behaved themselves in the  
cause of Liberty so as to gain the good wishes of their County—  
and to any places that may happen to be vacant in the regular  
Battallion or Regular Independant Companies, they being  
desireous of serving their Country in either, I do very earnestly  
offer them to the Attention of the Honble Councill.

Jany. 27 1776

R. Hooe

Baltimore Town

Monday 29 January 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as on Tuesday  
last.

M<sup>r</sup> George Ranken transmits to the Council the following  
List of the Record Books in the Secretary's Office: which was  
ordered to be entered.