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[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gentⁿ We received y^{rs} of the 24th relative to Cap^t Watkins but have not seen him since you wrote; we have heretofore furnished him and his Company with every Thing in our Power; just before he left the Province he had near £1000 Currency for Pay and Subsistence agreeable to his own Acc^t—Blankets we had not to give, we wrote to a Gentleman at the Head of Elk, who, we expected, would have furnished his Company with some. he had Linen from us for hunting Shirts &c and we frequently intimated to himself and others who applyed on his behalf, that if he would buy woolens to cloth his Company we would pay for the Stuff and making the common course of business with all the other Captains of Independent Companies—he talked of taking money in lieu of Cloathing. we offered him four Pounds per man for that article, he some times assented, at other Times made excuses and appeared undetermined—and to say the truth, we firmly believe that he renders himself incapable of taking proper care of his Company by drinking to excess.—his distance from us was considerable, 'tis but lately we knew any thing of him; he was represented to us as a brave man; how it has happened that he and his Company have quarelled we know not, the men we doubt not have suffered from the inattention of their Captain—his removal perhaps would be the best method of promoting the publick service. As to Surgeons we have sent forward M^r Stone's Letter to D^r Brown, we know Cap^t Thomas wrote to some Gen^l of the Convention, and Surgeons have been appointed, of which we send you a list inclosed—if they are all gone up, there can be no just cause of Complaint. we have not appointed D^r Wallace chief Surgeon, to Col^o Smallwood's Battalion, because D^r Wiesenthal represented to us that he had been up & settled all things to the satisfaction of those concerned. we should be glad to hear whether an appointment be necessary to that Battalion; if so, we propose to raise D^r Wiesenthal, and his present mate & send up a second mate.

We are obliged to you for your care of the Powder, & request you would order it by the Stages to Baltimore Town, to the care of Gerrard Hopkins our Dep^y Commissary. The Freight we desire you will be pleased to pay, must leave the quantum to yourselves. Harrison & Vanbebber say nothing to us what sum ought to be paid for freights. 10 p c^t on the value here is what we have charged to others, and paid when charged; we take it for granted 'tis the customary freight. The Bill of Lading however ought to be adverted to; and if