

was a prudent precaution. Thomas's company were paid for furnishing their own cloaths and The extra's should be deducted out of their pay. We think it right that you should draw and retain in your hands the monies you mentioned due to this State, and wish that our men could be indulged with receiving the residue that may be due to them from the Continent. They deserve every countenance and assistance that can be afforded them. Enclosed you have two Commissions one for Ford, the other for Harrison, the dates you will be pleased to fill up. When your list of the other vacancies comes to hand, a due regard and attention shall be paid to your recommendation, and should M^r John Mitchell be among the number it would afford us pleasure he being warmly recommended to our Board. Weisenthal & Wallace had considerable stock of medicine belonging to this State—at present we are almost without. We are very sensible of the truth of your observations respecting the frequent removal of Camps. We know the men must suffer greatly. You must derive great comfort from your Commander in Chief whose excellent qualities cannot we conceive be equalled. Had those who have had the supreme direction of affairs been as vigilant & provident our men would have suffered much less than they have.

We wish that the service may allow our Troops to return into Winter quarters in their own country, where nothing in our power shall be wanting to furnish them with every comfort, which is so much their due. We are making provision towards their cloathing &c., and wish to see them in situations agreeable to their desire. We are pleased to hear that General Washington has removed his Camp to a place so much for the better, and where it's probable you cannot be outflanked or surrounded. Pray present our compliments to him.

P. S. We have an armed Brig just now arrived in the Dock with a valuable Cargo for this State and hope by the winter to have a Provincial Store properly assorted.

Brigadier General Smallwood

Oct. 31st 1776

[Council to Capt. Smith.]

No. 241.

Sir.

November 1st 1776.

You will with all possible diligence march your company to Philadelphia and there apply to the Continental Board of War for further orders and for what your Company may want.

Captⁿ Alex^r Lawson Smith

Nov^r 1, 1776