

c. c. them. Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood's Application will be for Cloathing, as well as Arms, and we hope it is in the Power of Congress to comply with it. We have lately received a very pressing Letter to forward the Troops, and expect, as soon as Blankets are got, those who have had the Small Pox, will march.

Col<sup>o</sup> William Richardson

We are &c<sup>a</sup>

Just as we had finished our Letter, we received a Resolution of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly, of which the inclosed is a Copy; we approve of your Intention of drawing the Recruits of your Battalion to Chester, and you are to proceed in Innoculating them at such Places, as you can reasonably agree for, endeavouring to get such situations, as the Infection may be spread as little as possible.

Order for 200 Arms on M<sup>r</sup> Winters and Copy of the Resolution of the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this Day inclosed.

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[Council to Colonels.]

In Council Annapolis March 29<sup>th</sup> 1777

Sir

Inclosed you have a Copy of a Resolution of the General Assembly. You are to collect the first Battalion at Annapolis and get such of the Men as have not had the Small Pox inoculated in the Neighbourhood of it as soon as possible.

To the different Colonels }  
of the Maryland Troops }

We are &c<sup>a</sup>

C. B.

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1777

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Will<sup>m</sup> Sanders eleven pounds, nine shillings for Am<sup>t</sup> of his Acc<sup>t</sup>

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colonel Thomas Price fifty stand of Arms and Accoutrements.

The Council, being impowered by the Constitution and Form of Government to make the Great Seal of this State, do make and declare the Great Seal of Maryland heretofore used the Great Seal of this State, and as such to be used in future, until a new one can be devised and executed, which cannot be done for immediate Service.

April 1<sup>st</sup> 1777.

Ordered, that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Doctor Andrew Francis Cheney seven pounds, five shillings and three pence for Am<sup>t</sup> of his Acc<sup>t</sup>