

c. c. of Tents, Canteens and Camp Kettles being at Philad^a for the Public Service.

Col^o Gist.

We are, &^{ca}

Original.

[T. Smyth, Jr., to Gov. Johnson.]

Chester Town April 9th 1777.

Sir.

I inclose you a note from Col^o Richardson requesting that you will order Cap^t Handy to receive Eight thousand Dollars for the use of the Regiment, the money rec^d for recruiting the Regiment is all expended and there is now much due for Subsistence. Also an entire stop is put to our Recruiting for want of Cash.

If there is any Clothing in the Stores shall be much oblig'd to you for an order to Cap^t Handy for some as our men are much in want. Shoes we can get in this Town by your order. Ja^s Claypoole has made 200 pair for the State agreeable to a Contract with the late Council of Safety, and Blankets we might soon procure was the Blanket Act promulgated.

We are preparing for the Inoculation of our men, tho' it will be done under great Disadvantages. instead of Beds for the Sick we have not even a sufficient number of Blankets for those that must be inoculated, and most of the Soldiers from the want of Clothes & Blankets are reduc'd to a very ill State of health. If we cou'd get a sufficient Quantity of Hessesings (of which I believe there's enough in the Provincial Stores) we cou'd provide Beds for the men which wou'd be most serviceable in this Disorder

I am Sir

Y^r most respectful most obed^t Serv^t

P. S. Cap^t Handy has
a Mem^m of necessaries for
the men that are to be
inoculated & shall be much
oblig'd to you for an order for them.

Tho^s Smyth Jn^r

The People of this place have desir'd me to inform you that the Introduction of the Small Pox here will be attended with the greatest Inconveniences & to many the Consequences will be fatal. for many years the Small Pox has not been among them, consequently most Families have many who have not had that Disorder. at this time Provisions of every kind are very scarce particularly of that kind requisite for persons in the Small Pox & shou'd it be introduced many poor people must absolutely perish for want. they pray that your Honour