

will avert the Calamities that must inevitably ensue from the c. c. inoculation of the Soldiery in this Place, and they shall thankfully acknowledge it the greatest Favour to the people of Chester Town, in whose behalf I am Sir

With the greatest Respect  
Your most obedient Servant  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Smyth Jn<sup>r</sup>

[Washington to Gov. Johnson?]

Original.

Headquarters, Morris Town 9<sup>th</sup> April 1777

Sir. Having heard that your State have appointed Lieut. Col<sup>o</sup> Geo. Stricker to the command of a Battalion, I hold myself bound to inform you that the Character he holds here as an Officer will not justify such an appointment. Yesterday he obtained my leave to resign, complaining that his private Affairs indispensably require his presence at home for several Months. Had there been any other Field Officer with the Batt. I should have permitted him to leave it immediately; he waits only for the Colonell's arrival.

I beg you will consider this Information as proceeding from my great regard for the good of the service, & from nothing else.

I have the honour to be  
with great Regard & Esteem  
y<sup>r</sup> most Obd. Sert,  
G<sup>o</sup> Washington.

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1777.

C. B.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Ridgeway eight pounds, fifteen Shillings, for Am<sup>t</sup> of his Acc<sup>t</sup>

That the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore deliver to Colonel Mordecai Gist sixty two Blankets.

That the said Commissary deliver to Col<sup>l</sup> Josiah Carvil Hall one hundred Blankets.

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Lancelot Jacques, for the use of William Pallett and Company three hundred and forty nine pounds fifteen shillings, for Am<sup>t</sup> of Acc<sup>t</sup>

Permit granted to William Melson Captain of the Schooner Liberty to proceed from the Port of Annapolis, to the Island of Hispaniola, he having given Bond &c. in the usual Form.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen Q<sup>r</sup> Master one hundred pounds, on Acc<sup>t</sup>