

c. c. Appointment. We have ordered a Number of Jackets from Baltimore to this Place with Intention to cloath the Troops who are to march, it is the first Object, many have been marched off very illy provided and some almost naked, it is a great Discouragement to the recruiting Service, it is of vast Consequence to fill up our Quota as far as possible and we consider well cloathing the Troops as soon as inlisted, as a Step towards it.

You may be assured the Artillery Companies shall soon have our Attention.

We are &^{ca}

Maj^r Smith

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[Council to G. Wells.]

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777

Sir.

Cap^t Walker requested our Directions to you, as to finishing the upper Works of the Vessel you are now building for the Public, whether we would have it done in the Ship or Galley Fashion; he says he thinks it would not be inconven^t to you to delay the Finishing of her 'till the one Cap^t Walker is in is rigged, if so we should be glad you would delay it 'till an Experiment can be made, by which it may fairly be determined which is best We cannot procure men for those already in the Water, so that the Public will not suffer by the Delay. If you cannot, with Convenience delay the finishing, we are inclined to think it best to do it in the Manner of a Ship.

We are &^{ca}

M^r Geo. Wells.

Original.

[Gist to Gov. Johnson.]

Baltimore, 17th May 1777

Sir: I have this moment received a letter from Major Forrest at Camp, informing me that the Officers of my Bat. are much dissatisfied that they have not received their Commissions agreeable to appointment from the Assembly of this State. I should be extremely happy to have it in my power to remove this complaint by forwarding their Commissions pr. first Opp^y

I shall set out for Camp myself on Monday morning; if you have any blank Commissions shall be glad to have them filled up and forwarded to me p the return of Mr. Jno. M^cLane, who will be here early on Monday; if not, a Certificate from you to the Hon. the Congress, to have them filled up in Phil^a will much oblige

Your mo. Obed^t H. Serv^t

M. Gist.