

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Sam^l C. B. Edmondson two Thousand Dollars on Acco^t of the fifth Regiment.

[J. H. Stone to Gov. Johnson.]

C. C.
Original.

Camp at Crumb Pond below Peeks Kills July 24th 1777.
Sir.

As many officers of my Regiment who have rec^d large sums of money for recruiting &c have resigned their commissions since I left Maryland and as their accompts cannot be settled unless they attend their Regiment, and leaving them unsettled is not only putting me to great inconvenience & trouble but also attended with the worst of consequences to those Officers and Soldiers who remain in Camp as no money can be drawn as pay 'till all the accompts of the Regiments are settled & the recruiting money accounted for. many Companies in my Regiment suffer much by the absence of their officers, and the Regiment in general begins to feel the bad consequences of officers being absent & leaving Accompts unsettled, I have been obliged to draw money in the lump, and make myself liable for it to pay the Reg^t the Congress positively refuses to let us have another penny untill we Settle our Accompts which cannot be done unless every recruiting officer attends in person. I must therefore for these & many other reasons beg you will not receive the resignation of any officer in my regiment, if you wou'd wish to promote the Service. nothing new in the Military department. the enemy seem undetermined as to their next push, it depends altogether upon their success or disappointment at the Northward nothing more than what you have heard from Tyconderoga its evacuated & thats all the intelligence we can get. I hope you will be able to furnish all our troops with blankets, its intirely unnecessary to send them forward without they can not be had here or at Philadelphia. we have many of the Maryland troops without Blankets or Tents. they must undoubtedly be lost. we are promised these necessary articles immediately. We have also suffered much for shoes, and I am afraid will suffer much more for that article this fall. we shall also be very bare of all kinds of Cloathing by the winter and unless we are furnished more than probable shall be in the same disagreeable situation we were last year. much will depend upon having an army fit for the field this fall & winter. I hope the legislature of Maryland has taken such steps as will immediately lead to the completion of the several Reg^{ts} We have now in the field fit for duty only about 1100 men from Maryland, so that we make but a trifling figure with