

[Council to G. Wells.]

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In Council Annapolis 13<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1777.

Sir

We have drawn the Orders for your Account and for the Advance of £400. The Difficulty of manning the Gallies is so great, that it is highly improbable the one now on the Stocks, can be applied to the Purpose originally designed. If she could be advantageously employed to bring wood for the Soldiers we think, by fitting her merely for that Use at present we might save a good Deal to the Public and provide better for the Troops, than we shall be otherwise able to do. We shall be obliged to you to advise us whether the Galley may not be conveniently used for the Carrying Wood.

M<sup>r</sup> George Wells, Baltimore.

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[Council to Delegates to Congress.]

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In Council Ann<sup>s</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> August 1777.

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In Consequence of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith and Chase's Letter, we send to Colon<sup>l</sup> Hollingsworth to forward immediately to you 361 pair of Shoes, 285 Overalls, 250 Jacketts and 250 Shirts, being the whole of the Shoes and Overalls and the Chief of the Jacketts and Shirts we have by us. The Jacketts & Shirts are Part of a Quantity we got from the Continental Store; the Shoes & Overalls belong to this State. Most of the Troops that went from hence were furnished with their two pair of Shoes and two pair of Overalls, before they went. We did every Thing we could to cloath them with what was necessary before they went and their Shirts, in general, were much worse than those now sent; so that some Equality will be necessary in the Distribution to prevent Discontent, perhaps it may be prudent, unless Shirts are plentier than we imagine, to order these to the Sergeants and Corporals. From your recommending to send Russia Drab Breeches we suspect that the Officer or Officers who complained of the naked Situation of the Troops, represented that we had a great Stock of Russia Drab; indeed some of the Officers wanted the Whole or a very great Part of what we had, for Breeches for the Common Men, but our Stock was barely sufficient to make Breeches for the Officers and it has been so applied. In your Disposition of these Cloaths, it will be well to order a Proportion, according to the Wants, to each Regiment, else, from what has happened here, there is too much Reason to suspect they may be kept by the Regiment to which they are sent, against that Regiment wants, whilst others are suffering. Very little more