

c. c. Inserted at the bottom of their discharges, General Smallwood & myself were under the necessity of Adopting this method in order to distinguish the number of deserters and prevent the many Impositions frequently practised in the returns of Pay Rolls &^{ca}

All the Troop of Light Horse belonging to my Brigade except the Captain and four privates went off without proper discharges on their entering the service their Horses were Valued and in case of loss the continent became accountable for their Value, you can therefore regulate their pay accordingly, the Assistant Quarter Master M^r Clarke & the Waggon Master M^r Black were sent on duty, and have not since returned. I should be glad their pay could be withheld, untill they procured certificates of their time & discharge.

M^r Voorhees while acting out of the state is only entitled to Brigade Quarter Masters pay and had his Appointment as such only; the Staff Officers in this Army have the Appointment of their deputies & assistants. M^r Woods recommendation came too late for him to act in that departm^t he Informs me that he has purchas'd p order of M^r Voorhees several Thousand Bushels of Indian Corn @ 6/ @ 7/6 p Bush^l

If this Article is wanted for the Army or the State of Maryland, I am Inclined to believe it may be procured at a much lower rate. They have to refer you to Major Letherbery for further particulars and am with much respect Sir

Your M^o Humble Serv^t
M. Gist.

c. B. Saturday 8th November 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Walker one hundred pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Ninty nine pounds for attendance in Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Sim thirty four pounds seven Shillings and six pence for attendance in Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Shaw and Chisholm two pounds two shillings and eight pence per Acc^t passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw two hundred and fifty four pounds eleven shillings and three pence due per Acc^t passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Evans forty five pounds twelve shillings per Account passed, and the further Sum of one hundred and twenty nine pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Matthew Patton due him per Account passed.