

- C. B. Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Murrow Thirty eight pounds, eight shillings and nine pence due to the Boat Plater's Crew per Account passed the Board

C. C.
Original.

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.]

Wilmington January 22^d 1778.

Sir.

I received your Favors of the 31st Decem^r & 16th In^s Cap^t Brown & Dorseys Companies have arrived & remain yet at this Post have forwarded Returns of these companies with a Copy of y^r first ltr the Resolve & Recruiting Act to General Washington & now with his Directions thereon which for your Satisfaction shall be communicated

You must have been misinformed greatly respecting the supplies of soldiers Cloathing captured there was the Baggage Stores cloathing marque's & Equipages of the Officers of 4 Regiments but not near Soldiers cloathing for one which has been distributed among eleven Regiments stationed here

I have Inclosed you a general Return stating the Quantity & species of cloathing & the number of men wanting in each Regiment this will evince the misrepresentation and point out the Expediency of immediately forwarding Supplies of cloathing & I lament that you will also be so much disappointed in your Expectations of the Army in general being so well supplied when you come to read the inclosed Ltr. from Gen^l Washington

The sorts of Cloathing most wanting you will observe specified in the Return I am sensible Cloathing the Recruits wou'd forward that service much but this Post being much exposed to surprize necessarily subjects the Troops to extensive & severe Duty to obviate it which cannot be complied with at this Season nor can they annoy the Enemy & intercept their Supplies from the Disaffected in the Government unless they are well clad which were principal objects in taking this Post.

Since the Arrival of the Troops here with the Artillery they have taken two sloops loaden with Provision and a Sloop & an armed Brig principally loaded with Officers Stores, Baggage, Marque's & Equipage but few Articles necessary for the common Soldiery except 500 good Tents & 1000 stand of excellent Arms which are far short of the Quantity we were led to believe at first were in the Brig from the captured officers.

I remain with much Respect

Your Obed^t H^{ble} Serv^t
W. Smallwood