

c. c. and by him sent a considerable Quantity of Cloathing with an Invoice. Our Purchase of Goods is not near so considerable as Doctor Wallace perhaps imagined, we yet want a great Deal, especially of Linen. Any Thing which is useful for our Troops and that General Smallwood can command belonging to the Continent we hope and expect he will. Our Endeavours to cloath our own Troops does not, we suppose, shut them entirely out from the Continental Provision and we have no
 p. 133 Doubt, but that many of the Regiments are principally, if not wholly, supplied from the Continental Stores, of which this State will, doubtless be charged with a Proportion. The Price of the Goods you may receive under General Smallwoods Orders, is not so very material; you will give Credit for such and on Delivery out, charge the Continent again with the same Price, with the actual Expences of making added. We expected you had received some ready made Cloathing of Mr Forman, from Kent, but from his Letter, it seems it is chiefly
 150 delivered to Recruits. We are much in Gen^l Smallwood's Sentiments, as to the Propriety of getting a Plenty of Overalls for the Soldiers, but the Linen for them and for Shirts, will be greatly deficient. We are very desirous too of having Linen Coatees in Stead of Hunting Shirts, Oznabrigs, we think, would make good Overalls & Coatees We are not able immediately to furnish Money; but if you can purchase any Quantity of Linen and especially Oznabrigs at the Prices you mention do so, on Credit if you can, and you shall very soon have the Money, or if you cannot get it on Credit, advise us, if the Quantity is considerable by Express, if there's no good Opportunity and the Money shall, some how or other, be raked up. You mention the Prices as necessary, that the Soldiers may have their Pay deducted, in Case they sell their Cloathing, but this will, in our Circumstances, by no Means do, and enough must be taken from the Pay to replace the Cloathing, so made away with, else we shall never have half the Men cloathed.

M^r John Randall

We are &^{ca}

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

Sir.

On Gen^l Smallwood and your Letters, the Assembly came to a Resolution for ordering out the Militia, a Copy of which we inclose you, in Consequence of which, we have given Orders for two Companies from Kent, Cecil and Harford