

Hands, if ready made Shirts could not be got, we desired c. c. M^r Randall to press for Linen to make them; we do not know M^r Randall's Success; we also desired to be informed whether it was desired or expected that we should go on providing Cloaths against next Fall. M^r Chase wrote the Governor that the Cloathier General's Returns make the Stock in Hand sufficient for 22,000 Men, we therefore apprehend that, on proper Returns and a Warrant for the Purpose, all the deficient Cloathing may be easily obtained, and we much wish the proper Orders were obtained and that M^r Randall or some Body else who would attend to it, was sent immediately for what is wanting. All our Officers must know the labouring Oar has laid full hard on this State and their Exertions ought to be joined with ours to obtain the Justice our Soldiers and this State are intitled to.

We are &^{ca}

Col^o Sam^l Smith.

[Council to Smallwood.]

In Council 12 Aug^t 1778

Sir.

Col^o Sam^l Smith writes us that many of the nine Months men have inlisted for three years & most of them would, if the Bounty was ready before their Time expires; he advises an Application to Gen^l Washington for his Order to the Paymaster General for an Advance of the money. We have wrote to his Excellency for his Orders to advance the 40 Dollars on Account of this State and we very much wish that as many as fairly can, may be inlisted for the three Years, for we are apprehensive, besides the Inconvenience, Delay and Expence of filling up our Regiments with new men, if those who are for nine months are discharged at a Distance from us most of them will be entirely lost to this State. If the Money cannot be obtained in this mode, be so obliging as to advise us of it soon, with your Opinion of the sum necessary as we may endeavour to furnish it some other Way. We shall be obliged to you Sir, to furnish us with an accurate Account of our Regiments, the Officers have never furnished us with one and we remain as ignorant of their State as if we had no Interest in or Connection with them. We should be glad to be informed whether the deficient Cloathing has been obtained from the Cloathier General by M^r Randall, or if not the Occasion of it.

We are Sir &^{ca}

Gen^l W^m Smallwood.