

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson]

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Camp New Hackensack Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1778

Dear Sir

At the time I wrote you on the 26<sup>th</sup> September I was led to suppose that the Eight Thousand Dollars advanced by General Washington was intended to pay the State Bounty of Forty Dollars, to such of the nine months men, as might inlist in Consequence of my Application on that head, as he did not at that time point out any other mode of Applying it, but since I have rec<sup>d</sup> his instructions to apply it to the Payment of the Continental Bounty, and I have now no expectations of obtaining a Sum from that Quarter for this purpose, which induces me to embrace this opportunity by Col<sup>o</sup> Richardson of requesting that you would as early as possible provide and transmit a Sum for this purpose, which with the Continental Bounty, would induce many of these men to enter, who otherwise may be lost to the State, the Supply of Cloathing promised by the State might obviate another Objection. We cannot with propriety furnish such of these men who decline inlisting, with continental Cloathing, and leave such of the Soldiery who are engaged for three years and during the War destitute, tho' as an encouragement all those who inlist are immediately supplied with a good suit, and the old Soldiery wait the arrival of more Ample Supplies which Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington assures me are on the road from the Eastward; it would therefore be well for the State to avoid procuring the deficient Cloathing (except Blanketts) enumerated in my late returns transmitted on the 26<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> as the prospect of a General and Ample Supply for the Soldiery is flattering and I am told certain, but it is probable our officers will want Cloathing much, and I do not understand Supplies for Officers are expected, they will therefore wish a Supply from the State. I should be glad of your direction respecting the Inlistment of the nine months men, how far I might engage, and at what time their State Bounty and Cloathing could be delivered, and whether the Officer inlisting them is to receive the Allowance of Sixteen Dollars for each as limited by the late Act of Assembly. Such as have inlisted I have engaged should receive forty Dollars from the State and Twenty from the Continent with the Allowance of a Suit of Cloaths immediately and the Allowance to the officers who inlist them is conditional or what the State may direct

For news respecting our Military Operations I refer you Col<sup>o</sup> Richardson, & have the Honor to remain with sincere regard

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your very Obd<sup>t</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. Smallwood

Governor Johnson