

c. c. Health and Comfort of our Soldiers, though not strictly warranted by Law. We have by us about 300 Cloth Coats though in no Degree corresponding with your Uniform: them we intend to send, unless you advise us they will not be useful. We hope to get Cloth for 2000 Overalls and as many Waistcoats, blue, brown and white, 'tis impossible to get a sufficient Quantity of white for that number. We will endeavour, & hope to get 1500 or 2000 Hats; we shall endeavour to get 6000 Shirts, perhaps we may get two or 3000. We shall get what Stockings we well can, perhaps 1500 or 2000 Pair. We have Leather enough belonging to the State to make nearly 6000 Pair of Shoes, we may probably get 3000 Pair made and delivered from Time to Time to M^r Randall, by Christmass, and we wish, as soon as they can be spared, you would send us, from the Maryland Troops, 12 or 18 good Shoemakers with a good Sergeant, they might stay here this Winter, draw their Rations and be fully employed in making Shoes for our Division. We have no Prospect of getting any Number of Blankets; what could have been got here, have been, as most other suitable Articles, purchased by Continental Agents. We have thus given you an Account of our Prospects, from whence you will see how necessary it is that a due Proportion at least of what Cloathing may be in the Continental Stores, should be drawn for our Troops

We are &^{ca}

Gen^t Smallwood

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[Baron Steuben to Gov. Johnson.]

Head Quarters 24th Sep^t 1779

Sir

The Season being now approaching when the Legislatures of the different States will no doubt take into Consideration the means of Recruiting their Regiments for next Campaign I thought it my duty to give your Excellency the necessary Information with regard to the present State of the Regiments furnished by your State and have therefore ordered L^t Col^l Williams Sub Inspector to the Maryland Line to transmit to your Excellency immediately an accurate return of the several Regiments under his Inspection specifying the term for which the men are enlisted and when their time of Service expires. By this return your Excellency will perceive the great numbers wanting to compleat, add to these, the number whose times expire between this and Spring, the sick and those employed out of their Regiments as Waggoners, Artificers &^c and the number left for actual service next Campaign will indeed be small