

Thursday 16 December 1779

Present as on Yesterday—

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Commissions issued to Nath^l Manning appointed Capt in the room of Thomas Eccleston, Levin Woolford 1 Lieut, Benjamin Woodward 2^d Lieut.—Augustus Wheatly Capt in the room of Arthur Wheatly, William Dail 1 Lieut, Thomas Wheeler 2^d Lieut, Thomas Vickars Ens—Levin Hubbard Capt in the room of James Woolford, William Thomas 1 Lieut, John Lecompt 2^d Lieut, Thomas Hubbard Ens.—James Byns Capt in the room of Joseph Byns, Solomon Jones 1 Lieut, Joseph Hubbard 2 L^t Samuel Hubbard Ens. Bestpitch Ens. of Capt. Edward Stapleforts Comp^y belonging to the Lower Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County and also to Robert Ruscum 2^d Lieut of Capt Jacob Wrights Comp^y Sam^l Hooper 1 L^t Walter Rawley Ens of Capt Roger A Hoopers C^o—John Miles 1 Lieut, Jeremiah Connerly Ens. of Capt James Wrights C^o and William Morgan Ens. of Capt John Henry's Comp^y, belonging to the Upper Battalion of Militia in Dorchester County—

[Council to Capt Geo. P. Keepports]

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Sir. Your Letter of Yesterday this Moment came to Hand. As our Army want Stockings and those offered by Mess^{rs} Dorsey & Hammond, tho' rather high, are from your Description, proper; We desire you will close with the Gentlemen at £175 p^r Dozen; the Quantity is one among other Inducements with us, to accept the Offer. The Blankets you have heretofore mentioned, we incline to take, even at £112..10..0 and therefore request you will immediately secure them. The Council yesterday in their Answer to yours of the 11th Ins^t gave you a discretionary Power of purchasing particular Cloths for Overalls and at the same Time refused to accept of those offered by Dorsey and Company, deeming them too good and too high for the Purpose intended. Leather Breeches, Col^o Forrest thinks, would by no Means Suit Soldiers at this Season of the Year, if so they are not an Object with us. If the ten Pieces of $\frac{3}{8}$ brown French Rateen at £11.5 p yard and the 11 Pieces of $\frac{3}{4}$ blue Baize at £16..10 p yard, will do for Overalls; We request you will purchase them We rely upon your Attention and Activity in the Purchase of Linen for Shirts and that you will advise us from Time to Time of your Prospects in getting Supplies of that and likewise the Article of Blankets Send a List of the Cloathing carried to Camp by M^r Randall that we may ascertain the Deficiency. Surely you will not suffer the Gentlemen from Philadelphia or others, to carry from this State, any Article of Cloathing required by our Troops, when the Law of July Session 1779 entitled "An Act for the effectual preventing of Forestalling and Engrossing and for other Purposes therein mentioned" expressly prohibits such Practices, unless licenced by this Board.

[Rateen was a thick twilled woolen cloth, usually friezed or with a curled nap.]