

December 26 of the Cloth, but we are much retarded and find the work more tedious than expected for want of proper Implements which I've sent for to Philadelphia, when they arrive and the disagreeable work of Cutting over expect to go on much faster. I find our calculations at Annapolis erroneous Instead of two yards of $\frac{3}{4}$ Cloth I find it takes two and a half for a Middle Siz'd pair of Overalls, and more for large, those made at Annapolis were too short in general. I hope we shall profit by experience for the future and have our winter Cloathing provided in Summer.

The sufferings of our Troops, for many species of Cloathing is very distressing, especially Blankets Shoes Stockings or Socks, to wear with Overalls. Our dependence on the Continent is very uncertain even for coats and waistcoats. I've not yet been able to get proper returns of the deficiency as soon as I can I will transmit them and every other matter. I may think worthy your Excellency's attention.

December [Tim Pickering War Office to His Excellency, Thomas Sim Lee]

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Red Book Sir L^t Col^o Adams has shewn us a letter from General Small-
No. 24 wood inclosing the certificate of promotions herewith transmitted.
Letter
No. 5 A letter from Gen^l Washington of the 6th inst. agrees with that certificate as to the dates of Col^o Stone's and Col^o Richardson's resignations. Your ratification of the promotions of Col^o Adams & L^t Col^o Woolford will enable us to issue their commissions. The other promotions certified by Gen^l Smallwood are in suspense; and perhaps from the expected exchange of regiments it may be best to postpone the issuing Lt. Col^o Woolford's commission

We have the honour to be with the greatest respect your very obed^t Servants By order of the board

[Henry Knox Morristown to George Washington]

Brown
Book No. 1 I have the honor to return the letter from Governor Johnson
Letter
No. 26 of the State of Maryland to your Excellency of the 27th October
December 27 last.

Copy. Extract The proposal of making the companies of Artillery from that State one Corps would be complied with, totally derange the system of promotion in the line of Artillery, and introduce every bad consequence that can follow the superseding a great number of the Captains of Artillery who are senior to Capt. Brown, the oldest Capt. from the State of Maryland. And were the precedent fixed in this instance, each state who have two or three companies of Artillery, would for the gratification of its officers, use its influence to have separate Corps under the command of the senior officer of the State, at the expence of the destruction of the system of the Continental Artillery. Captains Brown's and Dorsey's companies from Maryland,