

[Henry Lee Junr Ma. Com. Md. to the Delegates from the State of Maryland in Congress, Philadelphia]

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Gentlemen I have the honor of your let. of the 24<sup>th</sup> I am sorry that any previous Steps are necessary for the completion of my request. The season of the year is rigerous, the gentlemen destitute of cloathing & their brother officers from Virginia comfortably supplied.

This latter circumstance must wound the feelings of men of equal merit & whose claim of attention from their country has the same foundation.

A general return of my corps agreeable to a late resolution of Congress has been for some time past lodged with the board of war.

Captain M<sup>c</sup>Lane has directed me to make an extract of the Maryland officers & soldiers & to present it

[Uriah Forrest, Baltimore Town to Mr. Carroll]

January 8

Dear Sir inclosed is a sample of the Cloth you requested. I've examined the Stores here relative to Cloths Linens &<sup>ca</sup> & find that Dorsey, Hammond & Steward, have an Assortment in which there is a Sufficient quantity of Blue Broad Cloth to Coate the whole of the Officers, there is several Pieces of coarse Blue and White that wou'd answer well for the Soldiery, about one half is of other Colours & they will not sell any part without the whole, I have no doubt but it wou'd satisfy the Officers to take the Col<sup>d</sup> for Wais-coats & Breeches, to these Cloths is tacked a parcell of Shalloons but as the quantity will be more than necessary in making up the Cloaths, the Owners will agree to keep one half w<sup>ch</sup> will not leave for sale more than suff<sup>t</sup> as they are all white & blue, the Colours that will be wanting. they have also four very large Bolts of Baze which I apprehend woud answer for Blanketts, by having it doubled, it is 8/4 wide & would only come to 60 £ a blankett at 100 s. upon the Livre the price they ask for the Goods, I am induced to take the liberty of suggesting this mode of procuring Blanketts, from the distressed Situation the Troops are represented to be in, not more than one blanket to four Men; the fine Cloth will be about 75 £ a yard. Col. Dorsey talks of going to Anna<sup>s</sup> in which case he will offer the Council these Goods, I do not think it is probable that such a parcell of Blue will readily be met with again on so good terms. M<sup>r</sup> Hudson who has the management of this Spanish Cargoe has a few p<sup>s</sup> of coarse blue Cloth. He has also a parcel of ready made Shirts of pretty good quality at £30, he has every kind of Linen, for which he asks £6 for the Livre, but I believe wou'd take something lower for the fine, he has likewise low Priced Cambricks, stockings and a fine Parcel of Hatts that wou'd come much lower for