

that it is scarcely to be counted upon & therefore the Troops of Maryland as well as those of other States must chiefly depend on the Exertions of the respective Governments for their Supplies. If unhappily the States have Nothing in their Power the situation of the Army must be indeed distressing. Measures were taken more than twelve Months ago for the Importation of Cloathing & other Necessaries for the Army & we were taught to expect their Arrival in the Alliance Frigate but from Causes with which we are unacquainted that Vessel is arrived & has brought none of the Articles expected but a few Arms & some Ammunition as we have been informed. It is now said that the Cloathing is to come in the Ariel under the Conduct of Capt J. Paul Jones whose Arrival is daily expected. But so many Disappointments have turned up in the Course of this Business that we submit to your Excellency & the Hon^{ble} Council whether it will not be most prudent for every State to make Provision as if no Dependence was to be placed on foreign supplies. The Board will do all in their Power but the Means of Purchasing must be furnished by Congress & as we have not had those Means we presume it be out of the Power of Congress to furnish them. Our Knowledge of the melancholly State of the public Finances will warrant us in saying that no other Supplies are to be expected but those hoped for from France. but if domestic Supplies should contrary to our Expectations be provided the Board so few as depends upon them will attend to an equal Distribution of them as well as of the scanty Stock now on Hand. Enclosed is an Order for the Shirts borrowed of M^r Smith & as we have ordered the new Regiment a considerable supply we presume the Troops of Maryland will have had a full Proportion of the Stock on Hand. but if it should appear on Examination to be otherwise the Deficiency shall be supplied. The Board will give the earliest Information of the Arrivals from Europe & in the mean Time make no Doubt that every thing in their Power will be done by the Governments of the States.

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M^r Smith will also deliver any Linnen he now has purchased on public Account

[Geo. Plater, John Hanson, Dan. of St. Thos Jenifer, J. Henry Jun^r, Philadelphia, to Gov Lee]

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Dear Sir The interval between the coming in and going out of the post is so short, that we have it not in our power at this Time, to give you the information which you desire. We can assure you that very inconsiderable quantities have been imported by the Commercial Committee; some Linens have from time to time arrived but the quality and quantity we shall endeavour to inform you of in a few Days, as we are at present unacquainted with the amount of the returns: It has always been the object of Congress and the

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