

July 20 [J. Swan Baltimore to His Excellency Thos Sim Lee]

Sir Herewith Your Excellency hath inclosed an account of this plank bought for the use of the Prisoners; the Balance of money in my hands I have sent M^r Tootells to be paid to Your order, a few nights ago I observed a small quantity of the plank missing, phaps the practice may be continued if it should remain in its present situation especially as there will be no person to take care of it in my absence. the intention of the purchase being no more, without the State wants it for some other purpose I think it would be best to order some person here to Dispose of it. there is a charge in the Account of £1760 for a suit of Cloaths and Linen a bounty given by the Assembly to the Maryland Officers which I was directed by the Council to procure for myself. I shall only observe the Cloth is charged at the wholesale price, I paid M^r Gilmor an addition of £108 p^r Yard out of my own pocket.

July 20 [Henry Lee Jun^r Ma. Com. Md. Monmouth to His Excellency
Brown Book Governor Lee]
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Letter No. 3 Sir The original Establishment of the Army made it equally honourable to hold Commissions in the sixteen or independent Regiments, as in State Regiments. Under this Establishment Military Posts have been accepted.

Much has been the Deficiency in Emolument, and much the Deficiency in Support to the independent Corps. It has hitherto been patiently borne by the Sufferers, because of the Wants of their Country, and the Expectancy of Relief at some future Day. At Length the Resolution of Congress appeared, directing the Subjects of each State, Soldiers in the sixteen Regiments, to be considered as Part of the Quota of Troops from their respective States, and to be treated with perfect Equality. Under this Resolve of Congress I have heretofore claimed, and received in Consequence of the Claim, Supplies of Necessaries for such Officers & Soldiers as belong to the State of Maryland in my Corps, I now beg Leave to present my Claim to my Proportion of Levies.

It is my Opinion as it is my wish, that your Excellency & Council will coincide with me in Sentiment; that you will be pleased to give me an Order for the Possession of twenty of the new Levies; or, that you will allow me to withdraw the Soldiers now in my Corps Subjects of your State, & to throw them into the Quota of some other People. Be assured Sir, there is no State whose Service I conceive more honourable than that of Maryland; and that the above Request proceeds only from an Earnestness to make those Gentlemen happy whom Fortune has placed under my Command by proving to them, as they are fully entitled to equal Attention from their Country with the Army in common, so will they receive on Application what is given to others.