

August 22 That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut. Henry Baldwin Seven  
 Liber C. B. pounds of the same Emission of the money appropriated as aforesaid  
 No. 24 due him per Account passed by the Dep<sup>y</sup> Aud.  
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That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Jacob Hines lately discharged from the 4<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment one Coat & one shirt in part of the Clothing due him to be charged to the Continent and also to Lieut Henry Baldwin one and an half yards of Swanskin he paying for the same.

The following Commission issued to the persons hereafter mentioned

The State of Maryland to William Young, George Keeports, Richard Lemmon, Isaac Griest and John McClellan of Baltimore County, each and every one of you Greeting.

Whereas the Troops of this State raised since the last Session of Assembly and now raising are in want of Blankets and Clothing And Whereas the Circulation of the Bills of Credit emitted in Virtue of an Act of the last Session on ample Landed funds and redeemable in a very short period, has been totally obstructed in Baltimore Town by the wicked arts and Influence of designing, selfish or disaffected Persons, Inhabitants of the said Town, so that the recruiting Service has not only been impeded but this Board cannot procure the said Articles with the said Bills: And the other Resources of this State being by no means competent to the above purposes; it becomes absolutely necessary to exert the extraordinary Powers vested in us by the Laws of the State and to obtain by Purchase or by Seizure (as has been practiced in the other Counties of this State) such Articles as our Troops are in want of and without which they cannot render essential Service but will become a useless and heavy burthen on the State: We do therefore hereby empower and direct you to Purchase in Baltimore County the Articles agreeable to the List enclosed; 1500 Blankets or Cloth proper to make them. Woolens sufficient for 2000 pair of Overalls Linen for 2000 soldiers shirts. 1000 soldiers hats. 3000 pair Soldiers shoes 2000 pair soldiers metal shoe buckles. 1000 pair of yarn hose for soldiers russia sheeting oznabrigs and Linens proper for 1000 pair Summer Overalls Linen proper and sufficient for 200 common Tents. And in case you cannot agree with the Owners of such Goods having the same for sale you are to seize them in the Hands of any Person (except Foreigners) who hath not assisted by sales of considerable Quantities of Goods for the public use giving a Certificate for the Quantities and Qualities thereof and lodging with us a Copy thereof with samples of the Goods seized and  
 p. 137 you are to deliver the Goods so purchased or seized to George Keeports Esq<sup>r</sup> and you will obey all such Orders and Instructions as you shall from Time to Time receive from this Board and for your so doing this shall be your Justification. Given in Council this twenty second Day of August 1781

James Brice Presid<sup>t</sup>