

Present Militia Law is so defective that nothing Effectual can be done as the Orders of the Officers are Little Regarded by the men. I hope the Present Assembly has or will make an amendment to that Law. And I shall be Obliged if your Excellency will order me a Copy or Extract as soon as possible

January 16

[Ja^s Murray to His Excel^y Gov^r Lee]

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I have examined the State of the wounded Soldiers who were comitted to my Care and have the Pleasure of informing y^r Excel^y that only two of the brave Fellows appear to be in any considerable Degree of Danger They are conveniently provided with every necessary excepting Beds, which I yesterday took the Liberty of desiring the Quarter Master to procure & I am informed they will be ready to morrow.

I have to request of y^r Excel^y that you will give me Leave to order a few shirts for some of the wounded who are greatly in want of fresh Linnen & four yards of Flannel for their wounded Limbs

[M. Gist, Annapolis, to the Gov. and Council]

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Enclos'd you have a State of my account from the Auditor Generals Books, Balance due the State £9629.10.8 of which sum £349.10.— stands charg'd against me, for monies deliver'd my Officers; this sum was exhibited in my account ag^t the United States; as also sundry other charges for state Bounties of 40 Dollars to each Recruit &c &c. amounting in the whole to the best of my recollection to £427.17.0. which sum was rejected in settlement of my account with the United States, and consequently become a regular charge to the Debit of the State of Maryland.

On the reception of a Letter from the President of the Council last winter, informing, that he had forwarded £10000 to be delivered to me for the recruiting Service; I gave M^r Randall an order to receive that sum of M^r Forbes (in whose hands the money was lodgd) with directions to lay it out in stores for the Troops, & advanced my own money to Colo^l Williams, L^{ts} Col^o Ford, Howard, and (I believe) Major Hardman for the Recruiting Service, which together with the Bounty paid a Recruit, enlisted myself reduced the Balance due the State to £7050.7.6 probably there may have been some other trifling charge, but as all my Books & Papers except the List of Balances now before you, have fallen into the hands of the Enemy it is impossible for me to ascertain them more particularly.

I have therefore to request The Governor & Council will please to direct the Auditor General to settle this Account, on my qualifications that the above £7050.7.6 was the Just and true Balance due the State by my Books, from which that & other Balances were taken the 22^d July last.