

to comply with his requisitions, by promoting the recruiting Service, equipping and marching the Levies as soon as they are raised to join the Southern Army.

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Letter 15

I am no Stranger to the want of Resources to accomplish this desirable End, and that the present want of specie, or some other medium must unavoidably retard this Business, yet I wish to call your Attention in the most pointed manner to objects of such Importance, that the most speedy and effectual measures may be adopted to surmount these difficulties, and attain the purposes in view.

The General expects the nine Months Men to be equipped and held ready to march, suggesting that Events may render their Service necessary I am sensible their services can be of little Importance unless they can be better clad; as neither the Law, nor your Stock of Stores on hand admit of this, I shall submit the Propriety of furloughing for eight or ten days all such who can get cloathing at Home, and who may be depended on to return. Should they go into the Field in their present State, I am apprehensive few of them would survive their sufferings, and I am persuaded the State has already, and will sustain the loss of many under this description who went out in the third and fourth Regiments.

It is near a year since any Cloathing or Stores have been sent the Officers and Soldiers of the two old Regiments in Carolina, the former being by this Time relieved, it will only be necessary to supply the latter; they amount I imagine inclusive of the Maryland Artillery to six Hundred; each Man will want a Blanket, Hat, Coat, Vest one pair of Woolen, two pair of Linen Overals, two shirts, two Pair of Shoes, two Stocks, and two pair of Stockings or Socks; the Conduct and Fortitude of these Men under there hardships and sufferings entitle them to the greatest Attention, I must therefore entreat you to make the necessary Provision as soon as possible, that I may have the supplies forwarded as the Season is approaching in which the want of them cannot be dispensed with, at the same time I should be happy in receiving the full Sum in specie directed by the Assembly to be advanced the Officers and Soldiers as soon as it can possibly be made up that the same may be forwarded to those in the Field, and paid to such as remain in the State

It will also be necessary to make up, and forward the deficiency of Cloathing due the third and fourth Reg^{ts}; especially Blankets, Woolen Overals, Shirts and Shoes, which will be very essential in the Climate where they now are

[G^o Washington, Head Quarters before York, to Major Gen. Smallwood.]

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I have received your favor of the 26th of September I should have esteemed it a fortunate circumstance to have had the pleasure to have fell in with you on my route to Virginia