

to this Place, or to meet them at the Head of Elk. Enclosed is the Bill we have paid for Fortune Stoddard, a Soldier of the State of Rhode Island at the Request of Congress.

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[Council to Honble Robert Morris]

Ibid.

Without having the smallest Desire of advancing any Money for the Army, on account of the United States, we frequently find ourselves under the Necessity of doing it, to our no small Mortification. Some Months before the Recruits raised in the State the present Year, received marching Orders, an Officer was sent to Philadelphia for the express Purpose of procuring Cloathing for them, yet when they were about to march, they wanted several very essential Articles, without which indeed, they could not proceed, particularly Shoes. We were reduced to the Alternative of furnishing them, or letting the Troops remain in the State, we chose the former, as the lesser Evil. There are now about 70 more Recruits in the State, who are almost naked, and unless Cloathing can be sent to this Place, or the Head of Elk for them, we shall be obliged to supply such Things as cannot be done without. We mention this to shew you that, however essential it is that the Regulations of Congress be strictly adhered to, yet from the Nature of Things, they must be broke through in some Instances, unless some other Mode than we know of, for supplying Troops at a Distance, be adopted at Philadelphia. We have written to the Secretary at War, on the Subject of the Cloathing wanted.

Permit us to inform you, that the Legislature of Maryland meets the 4th of next Month.

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Permission is hereby given to Captain Bennett Bussey of Harford County to solicit Leave of His Excellency General Washington or the Officers commanding at the Out posts of the Army to obtain a Flag to go into New York to endeavor to get Jesse Bussey (the son of Jesse Bussey of Baltimore County who lost a limb on board the Matilda and who is now confined on board the prison ship) released from Captivity and Permission is also given to Edward Parker to go with the said Captain Bennett Bussey to assist in conveying home the said Jesse Bussey in case his release should be obtained.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Gassaway Watkins twenty seven pounds, seventeen shillings and seven pence half penny—Major Benjamin Brookes twenty seven pounds and three pence and Captain John Courts Jones twenty pounds, two shillings, Specie out of the money that came from the Havana, put into the Treasury by Major General Smallwood to be accounted for and charged to the United States.—