

March 29. 1777.

General Smallwood came to Town about the Time of the Receipt of your
Letter, and has been consulted on the Contents of it, he with us is of Opinion, that it is most
expedient to have the Men inoculated; a Bill is preparing and expected every Hour
to pass, to collect Blankets, so that we have no Doubt of your soon being furnished
with that Article. and advise you to have a House and other Necessaries got ready as
soon as may be. Our Commissary informs us we have but seven Vessels for cooking
left in the Store, and we have almost a daily Demand so that we cannot furnish
you. We see, by the Papers, and private Letters confirm the Arrival of 9 to 11,000
Arms in Philadelphia. Genl. Smallwood will send up to secure Part of them for the
Troops from this State; It is our Wish, and you know how necessary to keep as
many of our own as we can; we have delivered out as fast as we could procure Arms,
but expect now they may be returned; however we inclose you an Order on Mr. Winters
for 200, which may be useful in training the Men, and which, we expect, will be
returned to him again, relying on your best Care of them. Genl. Smallwood's
Application will be for Cloathing, as well as Arms, and we hope it is in the Power
of Congress to comply with it. We have lately received a very pressing Letter to forward
the Troops, and expect, as soon as Blankets are got, those who have had the Small
Pox, will march. We are &c.

Col. William Richardson

Just as we had finished our Letter, we received a Resolu-
tion of the Genl. Assembly, of which the inclosed is a Copy; we approve of your Inten-
tion of drawing the Recruits of your Battalion to Chester, and you are to proceed in
Inoculating ^{them} at such Places, as you can reasonably agree for, endeavouring to get
such Situations, as the Infection may be spread as little as possible.

J. G.

Order for 200. Arms on Mr. Winters and Copy of the Resolution of the Genl. Assembly
of this Day inclosed.

In Council Annapolis March 29. 1777

Sir
6. Assembly. - You are to collect the first Battalion at Annapolis and get such of the Men
as have not had the Small Pox inoculated in the Neighbourhood of it as soon as
possible
We are &c.

To the different Colonels
of the Maryland Troops }

In Council Annapolis April 1. 1777

Capt. Kilty says that you and he thought it best, from the Difficulty of getting
Men to carry the Sydia round, to have her Tobacco crafted. We think that you'd better
keep Capt. Martin's Hands and if you cannot get enough of them, some of Capt. David's
to assist in navigating the Ship to Alexandria, the Defence's Tender may go with or
after the Ship to carry the Men back to Baltimore; we suppose the Men will expect
something for their reward and we desire that Capt. Martin, and if necessary, Capt. David
will assist their Surgeon in getting them to assist Capt. Kilty