

10th August 1777.

In consequence of Messrs Smith and Chapin's letter, we send to Colonel Hollingsworth to forward immediately to you 300 pair of Shoes, 285 Overalls, 250 Jacketts and 250 Shirts, being the whole of the Shoes and Overalls and the Chief of the Jacketts and Shirts we have by us. The Jacketts & Shirts are Part of a Quantity we got from the Continental Store; the Shoes & Overalls belong to this State. - Most of the Troops that went from hence were furnished with their two pair of Shoes and two pair of Overalls, before they went, We did every thing we could to cloath them with what was necessary before they went and their Shirts, in general, were much worse than those now sent; so that some Equality will be necessary in the Distribution to prevent Discontent, perhaps it may be prudent, unless Shirts are plentier than we imagine, to order these to the Sergeants and Corporals - From your recommending to send Russia Drab Breeches we suspect that the Officer or Officers who complained of the naked Situation of the Troops, represented that we had a great Stock of Russia Drab; indeed some of the Officers wanted the whole as a very great Part of what we had, for Breeches for the Common Men, but our Stock was barely sufficient to make Breeches for the Officers and it has been so applied - In your Disposition of these Cloaths, it will be well to order a Proportion, according to the Wants, to each Regiment, else, from what has happened here, there is too much Reason to suspect they may be kept by the Regiment to which they are sent, against that Regiment wants, whilst others are suffering. Very little more Cloathing can be had from here. We have been obliged to compound in Money with our own Troops for some of the very Cloathing we furnished the Continental Regiments - We have ordered Mr Hollingsworth if he has any large Guns finished, to send them forward. Do have two or three of them tryed and, if they are worth sending to General Washington, send them to him, if not, worth while to send them, return them to us.

We are Gent. Yrs

The Delegates attending in Congress -

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By a letter received from our Delegates attending in Congress, our Troops in the Continental Service are in great Want of Cloathing, especially Shoes and Breeches; we therefore send up what Shoes & Overalls we have and some Jacketts and Shirts which we request you to send forward immediately to be delivered into the Hands of our Delegates at Philad. We shall be greatly obliged by your particular Care to push them forward as quickly as possible - Any of the large Guns you may have finished we would have you send forward with the Cloathing. If you could