

to have these two Companies separate Corps, if not, they will probably be  
joined to some other Body of Artillery and, if they are, or a Major should be appointed  
to command both Companies, I should think it but Justice that Maj. <sup>Smith</sup> should  
have the Appointment, if they chuse. I inclose you a Copy of  
our Recruiting Act and submit it to you whether it would not be well to send  
an officer to each of our County Courts or, at least, the most of them, to receive  
the Recruits. I do not know what success we may have, but the County seems  
to be sufficient, if any County will do.

Gen. Smallwood

I am Sirs &c,

Sirs

In Council 6<sup>th</sup> January 1778.

The late fortunate capture by our Troops at Wilmington, we are in hopes, has  
in great Measure, relieved, if not fully supplied them. It will certainly promote  
the Recruiting Service to have Cloaths furnished to the Men immediately on  
their Indictment; we therefore request that, as soon as any Recruit is inlisted,  
you will, on the Officer's Application, furnish him with one Pair of Shoes  
one Pair of Stockings, two Shirts, a Pair of Breeches, a Coat, Jacket and Hat  
or such of those Articles as you have, as the Recruit may want, charging  
the Regiment to which such Recruit belongs, for the Articles delivered

James Calhoun Esq<sup>r</sup>

We are &c

Sirs

In Council Annapolis 6<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1778.

We have heard of your good Fortune in capturing a Store Brig, on which  
we congratulate you, but do not know how <sup>far</sup> your Wants may be relieved  
by it, though, we flatter ourselves with the Hopes that you have Cloathing  
sufficient, and to spare, for all the Maryland Troops. We have a good many  
Articles, purchased up in different Parts of the Country. A good Deal of  
the Linnen is made into Shirts and we are drawing the Goods together  
from the different Collectors, in order to send them forward; but, if  
you are supplied and the Army in general is in a fair Way of being so,  
we are of Opinion, nothing will so much assist the Recruiting Service as our  
being able to cloath the Men, immediately on their Indictment, and therefore  
wish to apply the Goods that Way; yet, any Articles you want or any other  
Part of the Army, with which they are not likely to be soon supplied, as  
far as we can, we would furnish. Be pleased to dispatch the Bearer,  
who goes on purpose with this, and advise us, which will regulate  
our Conduct.

We are Sirs &c

General Smallwood.

In Council Annapolis 7<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1778.

Sir

You are privy to the Measures taken and Instructions given for collecting  
the fat Cattle from those Parts of your County, easily approachable by the  
Enemy, for the Use of the Army. Perhaps, the Disaffected may possibly  
oppose the Execution of the Order; if that should be the Case, and  
Gent appointed should apply to you for Assistance, you are to collect the  
Militia and support the Gent. in the Execution of the Order.