In Council Annapolis 11th Feb.y 1778.

Sir

No. 65. Your Cloth to be made into Breeches as well as Coats. You urged the Expedition with which you could have the Cloaths made up, and that by that Means, the Clothing for the Whole, would be the Sooner done. We knew there were Some Leather Breeches but there are not enough for all the Troops nor can enough be got for them. We are desirous of treating all equally and shall direct the Leather Breeches to be delivered to the Sergeants, as far as they will go, and request they may be left for Mr. Calhoun to send with ~~that~~ other Cloaths he has ready. A Boat will call at Baltimore in its way to the Head of the Bay in a Day or two, which will be a good Conveyance for what Cloaths you have for your Regiment. — Besides the Order of the Assembly that the Commissions given out by the Governor and Council Should be dated in April, your Brother's Appointment, from any Thing we can find was so late as 20th February, we therefore can not fill up the Commission as you desire. The Reason, we imagine, why Mr. Reiley's Commission bears date the 10th Dec.r is, that he was then, or a few Days before, appointed and Commissioned by the Commissioners Mr. I. Smith being a first Lieutenant in the Matrosses may be of Weight in settling his Rank and, as he has given up his Commission, we inclose you a certificate of his Appointment. —

We are Sir &c.a

Col.o Sam.l Smith.

In Council Annapolis 12th Feb.y 1778.

Sir.

By your Return of Sundries in the Magazine at Baltimore, there appears to be 62 Soldier's Jackets on Hand. You are requested to pack them up immediately and, if there are any Blankets, you will pack them up also and deliver them to Mr. Calhoun who is now about Sending Cloathing to the Army, amongst which they may go.

By Order of Council

F. F. C. C.

Mr. George Reeports.

In Council Annapolis 12th Feb.y 1778.

Sir.

We wrote you yesterday, by Mr. Judah, and gave you Reasons why we could not date Mr. James Smith's Commission as you requested. Inclosed you have Copies of two Resolutions of Congress, about filling up Commissions, and Rank. It would seem as if there could be little Difficulty in passing an Order that the Maryland Officers Should