

Infouneil Annapolis 13th Feb^y 1778.

Capt. David.

As Capt. Fenwick has fallen into the Enerny's Hands, we imagine
your Stay in Patowmack will be of no Service and therefore desire, as soon as you
think you safely may, you will proceed up to Annapolis, to get they Gally
fitted, but, if the Men of War continue in Patowmack and Col^o. Barnes
shauld think your Stay usefull, on which you are to advise with him, we
would have you continue whilst the Men of War remain in Patowmack

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Mr. John Randall.

It is our Desire that you shoud that you shoud immediately
enter on your Charge of Commissary for attending the Maryland Continental
Troops and supplying them agreeable to the Resolutions of the General
Assembly, a Copy of which you are furnished with. We have no great
Quantity of Cloathing to put into your Hands, what is ready here, is
put into the Sander, with this you have an Invoice of it. The Boat
is to call at Baltimore where, it is designed, she shall receive what
Cloathing Mr. Calhoun has got ready; to him you will apply for an
Invoice of it. As you go through Cecil you are also to apply to Mr
Joseph Gilpin for what Cloathing he has ready, of whom also take an
Invoice or List. The Boat is to go to the Head of Elk or as near it
as she can and you are to apply to Col^o. Henry Hollingsworth for
a Waggon or two, if necessary, to carry all this Cloathing to Wilmington
where chief of the Maryland Troops are; advise with him whether
a Guard is necessary and, if he thinks it is, send or go to General
Smallwood for one. In distributing the Cloathing, take General
Smallwood's Advice and Directions. We wish them to be divided
as equally as possible. The Leather Breeches and best of the
Cloathing, as far as they will go, to the non commissioned Officers.
Col^o. Stone, for the first and Lieut. Col^o. Sam^l. Smith, for the fourth
Regiments, have drawn some Cloathing here which, we believe, will
be a Proportion of the Cloathing now ready, so that it is our Desire
that nothing of what you now carry up, shoud be delivered to either of
those Regiments, til we get an Account of what is received for them,
of which we shall advise you. There will be no Possibility of executing
your Trust with Justice to the Troops, Credit to yourself or Satisfaction
to the Public, but by keeping true and distinct Accounts of the Cloathing
received and issued and therefore your Attention and Care in this Point
is expected. General Smallwood will, we hope, assign a Place of
Security to lodge the Cloathing you may receive from Time to Time.