

In Council 10th March 1748

Sir

No. 118.

Capt. John Hawkins has applied to us for Cloathing for some Recruits. We have cloathed such as have been convenient to make Applications in Baltimore & in Frederick, and request you will deliver to each Recruit, on Capt. Hawkins or any of the Regular Officers Application a Coat, Jacket, Pair of Breeches, Hat, one Pair of Shoes and two Pair of Stockings, taking the Officers Receipt, that we may have them charged to the Continent. We would not have you keep any considerable Quantity of Cloathing back from Genl. Smallwood as we hope to get Cloathing made as fast as the Recruits will want.

Ezekiel Farman Esq.

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In Council Annapolis 10th March 1748

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We are sorry to find, by yours of the 12th that, as you suspected, you are obliged to call on the Militia again. Your Letter will be laid before the Assembly immediately, on its sitting which we expect will be in the Morning, and we hope effectual Measures will be taken to root out the Deserters and their Conventions. We think with you, it will answer no good Purpose to put Arms into the Hands of many of your People and are of Opinion it would be well to send a Company from above, to be stationed with you as well as a Galley. However Sir as the Assembly can and will, we dare say, advise, we shall cheerfully execute the Measures they may think best for your Security. The Sea and Ball of Mr. Jacksons Company, which you mention, is very desirable and unless you are pretty well provided, we would have you purchase it. The Price proposed is very high. The last Lead fold that we have heard of was at 2^l. which we thought dear enough, but, if you are likely to want, you must submit to give even the 5^l. We should be glad the Goods you have purchased were sent forward: the Treasury is not now able to pay for them but we hope to be able soon to take up your Certificate and prevent any Disappointment. If Mr. Jackson could wait a While for the Money, for the fine Goods and you could continue us Samples and the Prices, it is likely we should purchase them for our Officers.

Col. George Dashieil.

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