

In Council Annapolis 21<sup>st</sup> March 1778.

Sir  
125. Col<sup>o</sup> Smith writes us that he is now in want of 20 Blankets & some  
Shoes and Stockings for Recruits. Be pleased to deliver him the 20  
Blankets and as many Pair of Shoes and Stockings: the rest of the  
Cloathing which you may have <sup>collected</sup> we request you to send to  
Baltimore Town, where the Recruits are generally collected, and  
where it may be issued to them with Convenience.

We are &c

Mr R<sup>d</sup> Dallam.

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Gent.  
126. Mr Howard, the Bearer of this, goes to Congress with our Letter  
to the President, applying for 100,000 Dollars according to the  
inclosed Resolution. It is not designed that the Collector of  
the Provisions should wait the Receipt of the Money, but if  
it is very desirable that a Part of it should be sent by Mr Howard  
and further Sums, as good Opportunities may offer. The Advantages  
of having Money in Hand are so obvious that we hope our Request  
will be complied with. Mr Chase is so lately from hence  
that he can give you all the Information that we can, respecting  
our internal Affairs.

We are Gent. &c

Delegates for Maryland  
in Congress

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Sir  
127. We think it adviseable to make the Purchase of the Leather  
Breeches with the Deduction of 30<sup>ts</sup> a Pair as you mention.  
We inclose you an Order on Mr Dallam for the 20 Blankets & 20  
Pair of Shoes and Stockings, the rest to be sent to Baltimore <sup>as</sup>  
indeed we long ago ordered, as to the <sup>which might be collected in the first</sup> Whaler. We shall not be  
able, we are apprehensive, to comply with your Request by Capt  
Sanddale, before we get the Goods from Cambridge which were  
purchased below & sent thither, we have amongst them, ready made  
Shirts, Shoes & Stockings and some Blankets, Part of the Cloth we  
shall send to Baltimore. A Galley is gone for the Goods and we  
hope to be soon relieved from our Difficulties, as to every  
Thing but Blankets.

We are Sir &c

Col<sup>o</sup> Samuel Smith.