

In Council Annapolis 10<sup>th</sup> April 1777.

Gen<sup>t</sup>  
N<sup>o</sup> 158. We inclose you an Account of the Expences of Prisoners in this State, for  
as the Claims could be collected; though, we are apprehensive, some have not  
come in, owing to the Want of a regular Manner of doing the Business, the Com-  
mission sent the Prisoners most commonly, to the Committee of Observation and the  
Advances or Payments by this State being generally made on the pressing Instances of  
the Committee or those who had the immediate Care of the Prisoners. We send also  
a Bundle of Vouchers, but you'll observe that there are none for a Part of the Account  
those Articles were long ago allowed on proper Vouchers and the Money actually paid  
but the Vouchers are mislaid. Be pleased to present the Account and the Vouchers  
we send before the 15<sup>th</sup> that this State may not forfeit its Claim. The Commissions  
for Privateers sent hitherto are all used, they are frequently taken rather with  
a View to ascertain the Property and prevent their being taken by Privateers  
under Pretences of Suspicion, as has been the Case in some Instances,  
notwithstanding regular Clearances, than any Expectation of <sup>making</sup> Captures. We  
therefore request you'll have a Supply of Commissions <sup>made</sup> sent us by the  
first Opportunity — We are &c.

Delegates for Maryland  
in Congress — }

In Council Annapolis 11<sup>th</sup> April 1778.

Sir  
159. We have drawn 300 Dollars for Lieut. Allison to discharge the Bounty of  
the six Recruits. The Money sent by Congress is expended and our Treasury  
will not bear an Advance. We have wrote to Congress for more Money, but  
unless Gen<sup>t</sup> will pay in their Assentments, by which the Recruiting Service  
has been carried on in this County, we do not see how it will be possible to  
carry on the Business. We shall send up a Few Blankets to W. Keppel's  
From his Letter, and Col<sup>o</sup> Smith's taking 80 of the 100 Blankets sent to  
Baltimore the other Day, we suspect the Col<sup>o</sup> has taken two to a Man, but  
we expect, if that is the Case, they'll be returned. Every Gen<sup>t</sup> in the Army  
must know that we shall be very ~~likely~~ lucky if we can get one Blanket  
for each Man and it would be an inexcusable Partiality in us, to  
furnish some with two Blankets and as many with none. It is necessary  
that we should be furnished with a List of the Recruits, by whom enlisted  
and the Cloathing furnished them and by whom, and we shall be obliged to  
you for such a List, of those for your Regiment. — We are Sir &c.

P.S. The Names of the Recruits and the Places of their Indictment will  
be necessary, as well on Account of the promised Bounty of  
Land, as for many other Reasons. —

Col<sup>o</sup> Gist