

getting the Assistance of the Militia Officers to forward them towards your  
Rendezvous, wherever it may be. Any Provisions convenient, whether our  
No 171. or Continental, must be applied, but with all the Frugality and Exactness  
that the Nature of the Service will permit. If you should prove too  
hard for the Insurgents, we would not have you stop short at the  
Line of our own State, but follow them 'til they are entirely broke  
up and we must give way to the disagreeable Necessity of making a  
free and effectual Use of the Arms we hold in the Defence of our  
Country. If Things should be settled before this Supply gets over,  
you are to return every Thing in the same Order we send it, that it  
may be ready for the next Occasion, for when or where it may happen  
we cannot foretel. It is out of our Power to supply Blankets.

We are &c.

Col. Bordley.

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> April 1778.

No 172. Sir We are of Opinion Mr. Luy's Cloth had better be taken and sent  
forward for Cloathing for such of the Officers whose Wants may  
make such desirable. If better could be got for a tolerable Price  
we should prefer it and if there should be an Opportunity of getting  
what is genteeler, we shall procure it. We have already sent a  
good Deal of Stuff to Mr. Randall for Breeches. We are desirous of  
accommodating the Soldiers as far as we possibly can. Col. Smith  
remarks that the Blankets are some of them much smaller  
than others and that where they would by any Means answer the  
Purpose, he took one only to a Man. We request you'll be as  
frugal as possible with the Blankets: our Stock of about 500 in the  
whole are, and we see no Prospect of getting more, or soon will be  
expended. Such as will by no Means do singly, must be doubled  
but let the Instances be as few as possible. By the first Oppor-  
tunity we shall send up 300 Pair of Shaw.

Col. Gist.

We are &c.