

In Council Annapolis June 1778

N. 212. Sir. We have inclosed you an Order on your Sheriff for 2000. Quarters
very intelligible and formal enough. We think it will be best to send
of the Bacon immediately, as it may be used before its Spoils; probably
it may be wanted at York; you would do well to give the Commissary's
Orders to call on the Commissary there and, if he wants it, to deliver
it to him, taking his Receipt and, if not wanted there, to proceed to
Camp with it.

We are Yours

Col. William Beatty }
Fred. Co. }
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213. Sir. The Independence Galley is now gone to Cambridge for a Number of Tents belong-
ing to the Continent, to be delivered at the Head of Elk; we also forwarded from
the same Place, about three hundred Stand of Arms belonging to the Continent
which we designed for the Maryland Troops, understanding none in the Continen-
tal Service are more in Want. We shall be obliged to you to contrive that
these Arms and Tents, immediately on their being landed at the Head of Elk,
be forwarded to the Maryland Division and we request Col. Henry Hollingsworth
aistance to the Officer you may send on this Business. The Blankets which
go in the Galley, we understand, belong to Virginia.

We are Yours

St. Col. Sam. Smith

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214. Gent. This will be delivered to you by St. Col. Sam. Smith, who promises to take
york in his Way on purpose to deliver it. Our giving you this Trouble is
occasioned by the repeated Complaints we have, that a great Part of the Maryland
Troops are without Arms and many of them almost naked. From what we
learn or collect, our Troops have not drawn any Cloathing at all from the
Continent. We have struggled all in our Power, but are tired of being taken
in for a large Share of the Public Expence, which is enhanced too by the Con-
tinental Officers over bidding us, and providing separately for our own. We
request you to obtain an Order of the Board of War on the Commissary of the
for 1000 Suits of Cloaths and Hats, 2000 Shirts and 1500 Blankets, to be delivered
to Mr. John Randall, who we have appointed to deliver out Cloathing
our Soldiers and that, if the Articles are not ready, the Order may be
the first that are. We have also sent to Cambridge for a Number of Continen-
mental Tents; we have requested Col. Smith to see that they are sent to
the Head of Elk and we wish an Order that they should be