

In Council Annapolis 15th June 1778

We have shoes and stockings in the store here; the Number you write for shall be sent. We have no Blankets or Hats, the 100 of the former and 95 of the latter, we request you'll purchase, and though £5 a Blanket we think a high Price. If there are more Hats than the 100 you want, advise us, and we will, if good, purchase and send them forward. Mr Bullen has 55 woollen Coats, to which he can add 10 of Linen to make up the 55 you want; he has got 90 linen Vests and 50 woollen Vests, they shall be sent with what shirts are ready, about 60 or 70; if you can purchase linen to make up the Remainder of the 100 Shirts wanting, at or under 20s. we wish you to do so, but we hope the Men are not so bare that they must be kept back for the 80 or 90 Shirts deficient. A late Letter from Congress, is very pressing to send forward the Men and we hope and desire that those at least who are clothed with what is mentioned above may not stay for those, if any, who may be in want of Shirts. Our Gallies are not yet come up with the linen they went for; as soon as we get it, it will be made up and sent to the Camp.

We are Dear

Col. Mordecai Gist

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257. Sir. James Mason the Bearer of this of the second Maryland Regt., has called here on his way to Camp and solicited a Discharge from the Service; he says that he was enlisted in Watkins's Company and has received no Bounty or finee enlisted, that Col. Price agreed, if he would procure another Man to enlist in his Stead, that he would discharge him and that, accordingly, he procured one William Norton to enlist in his Stead, for which he gave him £5; That notwithstanding he, as well as Norton, have served ever since, and that Capt. Brown of the Artillery is acquainted with these Facts and that you would have discharged him, but that you did not look on it that you could, properly, as he was only enlisted in the State Service. We request, if Mason's State is made appear to you to be true, that you will discharge him and you are hereby empowered to do so; if the Allegations are true, Col. Price has acted very improperly.

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