

In Council 12th Aug^t 1770.

Your Letter of the 26th July came to Hand so late last Friday that it could not be answered by the Return of that Day's Post. We wrote to Genl. Washington by this Post for his Orders for the Advance of the State Bounty and wish your Letter may have the intended Effect, if it should not, advise us, ~~being~~ we know the Sum wanted and we will endeavour to supply it some other way for it is high Time to endeavour by all fair Means to keep the Regiments full of of disciplined Men as may be. We wrote to our Delegates to endeavour by all possible Means to get from the Continental Stores about 1000 Shirts and more Blanketts and put them into Mr. Randall's Hands, if ready made Shirts could not be got, we desired Mr. Randall to prep for Linen to make them, we do not know Mr. Randall's success, we also desired to be informed whether it was desired or expected that we should go on providing Cloaths against next Fall. Mr. Chas wrote the Governour that the Cloathier General's Returns make the stock in Hand sufficient for 22,000 Men, we therefore apprehend that, on proper Returns and a Warrant for the Purpose, all the deficient Cloathing may be easily obtained, and we much wish the proper Orders were obtained and that Mr. Randall or some Body else who would attend to it, was sent immediately for what is wanting. All our Officers must know the labouring Oar has laid full hard on this State and their Exertions ought to be joined with ours to obtain the Justice our Soldiers and this State are intitled to.

Col^o Saml Smith. We are &c.

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Sir.

Col^o Saml Smith writes us that many of the nine Months Men have intisted for three Years & most of them would, if the Bounty was ready before their Time expires, he advises an Application to Genl. Washington for his Order to the Paymaster General for an advance of the Money. We have wrote to his Excellency for his Orders to advance the 50 Dollars on Account of this State and we very much wish that as many as fairly can may be intisted for the three Years, for we are apprehensive, besides the Inconvenience, Delay and Expence of filling up our Regiments with new Men, if those who are for nine Months are discharged at a Distance from us most of them will be entirely lost to this State. If the Money cannot be obtained in this Mode, be so obliging as to advise us of it soon, with your Opinion of the Sum necessary as we may endeavour to furnish it some other Way. We shall be obliged to you Sir, to furnish us with an accurate Account of our Regiments, the Officers have never furnished us with one and we remain as ignorant of their State as if we had no Interest in or Connection with them. We should be glad to be informed whether the deficient Cloathing has been obtained from the Cloathier General by Mr. Randall, or if not the Occasion of it.

We are Sir &c.

Genl Wm Smallwood.