

In Council Annapolis 10th August 1779

573. Sir. We are informed by letter from the Lieutenant of Kent County, that Jeremiah Barow & Andrew Miers two of the Militia who were on the Guard of some British Prisoners to Wilmington, were there; by the Orders of a Regular Officer, for a trifling Inattention which he was pleased to regard as an Insult, forced and confined in a Guard House and that, on Application by Capt Watkins who commanded the Militia Guard, to you, as a Magistrate, you shewed a Disposition which must be approved and commended. An Injury of this Sort however mortifying to the Individuals who suffered it, considered abstractedly, would not deserve our Interference, but as connected with its consequences claims our Attention. We therefore request you Sir, to favor us with a State of this Matter, for as it is within your Knowledge that, if it was in the arbitrary and aggravated Manner mentioned to us we may be enabled to represent it properly to Congress.

We are Sir &c

Bush Esq
Wilmington

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574. Sir. We cannot but feel for the Treatment of Jeremiah Barow & Andrew Miers at Wilmington; we please to have their & Capt Watkins's Depositions taken fully and circumstantially and transmitted to us. We write to Mr Bush to send us a State of the Transaction as far as is within his Knowledge and purpose to lay the whole before Congress not doubting but that it will be there viewed as it is by you & ourselves. We have no Doubt but that even if the Satisfaction which is due, should not be obtained, the Militia on cool Consideration, will not be backward to afford their Service when it may be necessary. From your not mentioning your Dec^r of our Letter of 2^d Inst^t, it may have miscarried, wherefore we inclose you a Copy of it, pray forward Mr Bush's Letter

We are &c

Wm Bordley Esq
Lieut of Kent County

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575. Sir. We inclose you a Copy of an Act of Assembly passed the Day before yesterday in Favor of our Troops, by which you'll see that, for the Present Year, insted of all former State Provisions, a Sum of Money is given. We wish you to communicate it to the seven Maryland Regiments and the Maryland Part of the German Regiment as soon as possible & cause Returns to be made to us of the Names of the Commis^s & Staff Officers and of the Number of non commis^sed Officers & Privates that we may be enabled to issue the Money agreeable to the Intention of the Assembly. We think it would be the best Way for the Officers in general to appoint some Person to receive their Money and for the Pay masters of the Regiments to appoint the same or some other Person to receive what is to be issued for the non commis^sed Officers and Privates. Such of the Officers who are here & call for their Money, will receive it, it has been already ordered to some of them. This Morning we received a Letter from Mr Randall inclosing a Return of Cloathing wanted, it is impossible to procure it.

We are &c

Genl Smallwood.

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576. Sir. We rec^d this Morning your Letter of the 20th of July, but never received that you mention to have been writte from Morris Town about a Month before. By this Opportunity we have inclosed Genl Smallwood a Copy of an Act directing a Sum of Money to be given to the Officers and Men for the present Year, in lieu of all other State Provisions, so that of course, your supplying Tea, Coffee, Spirit &c as you have hitherto done under your Appointment from this State, ceases and there is no Occasion for issuing Money on that Account. We are much surprized at the scanty Supply of Cloathing by the Continent, especially of Blankets, after having heard of such large Importations of them. We have no Cloathing on Hand, nor have we any Means to get any but what are equally open to the Continental Purchasers who, as you are employed and paid to do this Business and we cannot but hope, instead of relying on the State, a strong Representation will be made to Congress. The Cloathing called for, could not be got here in 3 or 4 Months, if at all, for any Price.

We are &c

Mr John Randall.

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577. Sir. We inclose you a Copy of the late Act of Assembly concerning our State Troops; you will see by it, that one Company of Matrosses out of those at Baltimore & this Place, are to be sent to the Army. We wish to have a very exact Return of the Company at Baltimore and to see this Office, as soon as may be, that we may do this Business as soon & as well as possible.

We are &c

Major Nathl Smith.