

Annapolis 18th Aug<sup>r</sup> 1779

The Assembly have been pleased to appoint you Auditor General with a Salary of £3000 p<sup>r</sup> year  
We imagine you have been informed of it in a private Way and have formed your Determination  
There. We should have inclosed you a copy of the Resolution of the Assembly by Express but the  
Mess<sup>r</sup> of the House of Delegates went out of Town on Monday Morning & having first locked up  
his Papers. The State of the Public Business makes it reasonable the Auditor should be soon  
qualified to act.

We are &c

Col<sup>o</sup> Uriah Forrest.

Annapolis 20th August 1779

549. Sir. We want, for the Use of the State, ten Barrels of fine Flour & forty with only the best & best  
shorts taken out, the first for the Officers, the last for the Men. If you can immediately  
Supply us with that which is good, made of new Wheat, write us your Price and when  
we may send for it, the sooner the better.

We are &c

Col<sup>o</sup> Isaac Perkins

Annapolis 20th Aug<sup>r</sup> 1779

500. Sir. We this Moment rec<sup>d</sup> your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst. Mr. W. Randall was long ago appointed  
Sub or State Clothier, under the Resolution of Congress of the 23<sup>d</sup> March last and by a letter  
and Return received from him the other Day, we see the Continental Issues have been very  
deficient. We have no Cloth on Hand nor any Means to provide it but what are  
equally open to the Continental Officers, nor is any Money appropriated or System adopted  
by this State for the Purchase of any. We believe our Assembly expected, as we did, that  
effectual Measures had long ago been taken to procure a plentiful Supply

We are &c

James Wilkinson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Cloathier Gen<sup>l</sup>.

Annapolis 23<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1779

501. Sir. Col<sup>o</sup> Forrest is waiting here an Account of his Appointment to be Auditor General. You  
did not furnish us with the Resolution of the House of Delegates on that Subject, nor  
can we find that you have left your Key and Papers in the Care of any Body so that  
we can have Recourse to it. This goes to you by Express and we hope you will imme-  
diately furnish us with the Resolution that the Public Business may go on.

We are &c

Mr. John Duckett

Annapolis 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1779

502. Sir. Inclosed you have a Mem<sup>o</sup> of Money issued to Lieut. Judah from Time to Time according  
to the Dates mentioned in it, for the Purpose of paying off the Bills which he collected.  
We are informed Mr. Judah intends to resign and go a Voyage to the West Indies. Some Time ago  
Mr. Yeiser called on the State for the £90. rec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Judah 20<sup>th</sup> June, perhaps other Claims may  
also remain unsatisfied. We request you'll make Enquiry and if the Money is not paid,  
inform the People that Mr. Judah has rec<sup>d</sup> the Money and that they are to look to  
him for it. You will also be pleased to acquaint Mr. Judah that it is necessary he  
should settle his Account yet standing against him and that he can resign his Com-  
mission only to us.

We are &c

Maj<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith.

Annapolis 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1779

503. Gen<sup>l</sup>. In the great Number of Appointments of Militia Officers, it is not to be wondered at that  
some have taken Place to the Dissatisfaction of the Companies; the Instances are not  
so numerous as might have been expected. Where Appointments have been made improperly  
either from the Officers not being the most capable or against the general Inclination  
of the Companies, there is no Power left in the Government to displace the Officers, or  
I should most cheerfully concur to give Content by more proper Appointments. In some  
Cases, the Gen<sup>l</sup> have given us a Power of new Appointments by giving up their Commissions  
and I wish, as it seems so generally the Wish of the Company, that Capt. White had done so  
but from what Mr. James tells me he is disinclined to do it and so have some few others.  
As I am circumstanced, I may do it with Propriety and therefore intend to represent to the  
Assembly at the next Session, the Necessity, as it appears to me, of giving the future Govern-  
ment a Power of issuing new Commissions, where the Public Service might be pro-  
moted by it; but, in the mean Time I flatter myself that you will do your Duty as a  
Company of Militia under Capt. White which, undauntedly, will induce the more  
Attention to your Complaint

I am &c

Capt. White's Company