

In Council Annapolis 17th Sept. 1779

Sir

No 10. We are just advised by W. Calhoun that our Magazine at Frederick had only 5000^{lb} of Powder, which has been delivered with 5220^{lb} of musquet Powder, we imagined the Powder was principally Lignum and therefore restricted the Quantity of Musquet Powder in our former Letter, as it is, you will be pleased to make up of the Musquet Powder, with musquet and Lignum already delivered, thirty thousand Weight.

Normand Bruce Esq.
Ch. of Fred. Co. Agent }

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 23^d Sept. 1779.

Sir

No 11.

We are earnestly preped to assist in cloathing our State Troops; Shirts are much wanted We send you 12,000^{lb} by Mr. Muir & request you'll lay it out in such Country Linen as will do to make Shirts for Soldiers; as you get the Linen, have it made up into Shirts we suppose unbleached Linen will do well enough for the Bodies, though the Sleeves ought to be a little whitened. We shall also want a Quantity of Thread, of which Mr. Muir will more particularly inform you, be so obliging as to purchase it, as Opportunity may offer, as well as assist Mr. Muir in making a Contract for Hats. If you find you can make a better Purchase of imported Linen, we do not mean to exclude it, but we should prefer by much, a Country Shirt of the same Fineness and Price, as it may be expected to wear so much better. The Women who make the Shirts ought to bring them in well washed. Advise us of your Success, there is no Time to be lost. What is the Price of Country Yarn Stockings fit for Soldiers and could a considerable Number be got?

Capt. Geo. P. Reports.

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 23^d Sept. 1779

Sir

No 12.

We have sent the Plater to Snow Hill for some Salt belonging to the State, We shall be obliged to you to find by her what State Park you have.

Col. Peter Chaille.

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 25th Sept. 1779.

Sir

No 13.

This covers a Copy of our Letter of the 17th of last Month and its Enclosure, sent you by Lt. Hardman to which we have not had the Pleasure of receiving any Answers. Since Mr. Randall's Return we had a Letter from the Quarters General, desiring us to furnish what Cloathing we can; we also had a Letter from his Ex^{ty} Genl. Washington and a Day or two ago, Resolutions of Congress on the same Subject. As the general Expectation was, that the Army was and would be fully provided with Cloathing, by the Means adopted by Congress, our Assembly made no Provision in their last Session, for our Troops and it is now impossible to have a Session in Time to provide for this Occasion, wherefore we have resolved to procure what Cloathing we can, though we fear it may be short of what may be absolutely necessary, relying that the next Assembly will approve a Measure so essential to the Health and Comfort of our Soldiers, though not strictly warranted by Law. We have by us about 300^{lb} Cloth both though in no Degree corresponding with your Uniform: them we intend to send, unless you advise us they will not be useful. We hope to get Cloth for 2000 Overalls and as many Waistcoats, Blue, Brown and white, 'tis impossible to get a sufficient Quantity of white for that Number. We will endeavour to get 1500 or 2000 Hats; we shall endeavour to get 6000 Shirts, perhaps we may get here or 3000 more. We shall get what Stockings we well can, perhaps 1500 or 2000 Pair. We have Leather enough belonging to the State to make nearly 6000 Pair of Shoes, we may probably get 3000 Pair more and delivered from Time to Time to Mr. Randall, by Christmas, and we wish, as soon as things may be spared you would send us, from the Maryland Troops, 12 or 10 good Shoemakers with a good quantity of the might stay here this Winter, draw their Rations and be fully employed in making the Shoes for our Division. We have no Prospect of getting any Number of Blankets; what we have had here, have been, as most other suitable Articles, purchased by Continental Agents. We have given you an Account of our Prospects, from whence you will see how necessary it is to get a good Proportion at least of what Cloathing may be in the Continental Stores, for the use of our Troops.

Genl. Smallwood

We are &c