

In Council Annapolis 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1779

30. We send you by Mr. Beatty thirty thousand Pounds. We go on in Baltimore  
more than we expected in the Purchase of Country Linen from £5. to £0. a Yard.  
Therefore we request you to purchase Linen sufficient for only 1500 instead of the 3000.  
Have the Linen made up into Shirts as quick as possible & washed. Mr. Randall  
the State Clothier is waiting for the Cloaths we are collecting  
We are &c

W. Abraham Saw.

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627. Sir. We are glad to hear you have a Prospect of getting your Quantity of Country Linen.  
Mr. Randall waits for what we can do towards cloathing the Troops, wherefore we wish  
you to get the Shirts made as soon as possible. Get what Hats you can, not exceeding  
the Number formerly wrote for, we expect a good many from Frederick. You did  
right in not taking the imported math eaten Stockings, it would have only been  
a Cheat on the poor Fellows, whose Lot they might have fallen to. Chesters has  
done very ill in inlisting such scattering Fellows, it was very contrary to the express  
Directions given to him, we had better be without any than have such Rascals  
to pay and maintain and, unless he will be more attentive to his Orders, he  
must desist from pretending to act under them; as Things are circumstanced, we  
would have these Chaps advertised 50 Dollars each, they ought to be punished.  
We will send you up Cloathing for the Pew Men at Baltimore by the first good  
Opportunity. We approve the Appointment of Swan and desire him to continue  
the contrary Orders. We shall return the Plow to Mr. Buchanan as well as  
any Thing else of the kind he may lend you. It does not appear to us to be  
worth while to go into an Appointment of Officers, unless the Assembly should  
think proper to raise Companies, especially as a little Time will probably dis-  
close the Necessity or Usefulness of Companies, nor indeed, do we know at  
present, when we could get proper Officers

Capt. Geo. P. Keports.

We are &c

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620. Sir. We have just received Letters from Philadelphia strongly impressing  
the Necessity of forwarding Supplies of Plow to Genl. Washington's Army, we  
are satisfied your Exertions will not be wanting; in pushing Every Thing forward  
as fast as possible and advise us of the Quantity you have contracted for and  
what has gone forward

We are &c

Lovind Theodore Wederstrandt Esq.

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629. Sir. We received Letters Yesterday, pressing our Exertions to obtain a Quantity  
of Plow for Genl. Washington's Army: you know as well as we how much all of us  
have depending on the Army's being supplied and we understand it is in your  
Power you to furnish a good Deal: we therefore send this by Express, to desire you  
will either let the Continental have it, or, if more agreeable to you to have your  
Transactions with this State to let us have it and send it forward with Invoices  
to the Head of the Bay to be delivered to the proper Officers and Receipts taken  
We write to you with the Confidence you deserve as a Gentleman and a Whig,  
and have no Doubt but if the Account is to be settled between us it will be  
on the Principles of Justice and Honor on both Sides. Much depends on  
Activity, write us by the Return of this Messenger. No body must have your  
Plows for any other Purpose than supplying the Army

W. M. M. Esq.

We are &c