

In Council Annapolis 16th Nov^r 1779

Being informed by Mr. Randall that the Oznabrigs shirts sent from
Frederick will not answer for the Soldiers, it will not be proper to buy the
600 Ells you mention in yours of the 9th Inst. Please to desist from
having any more Shirts made up of the Oznabrigs of the same Quality already
sent and forward the Linen and Shirts made up, to Capt. Mearns at
Baltimore, to remain under his Care until he receives our Directions

Mr. Abraham Dawson.

We are &c

In Council Annapolis 19th Nov^r 1779

Sir. Enclosed you have your Commission with a Licence to purchase within
this State; agreeably to Act of Assembly. By the Act a limited Authority is vested in this Board to licence, unless the Commission of the Person
6. applying is previously produced; you did not transmit yours when you
wrote for a Licence, I believe that was the sole Cause of Governor Johnson's
not complying with your Request. Our Treasury is in a very exhausted
State at present, which renders it impossible for us to supply you with
Cash, if we had been expressly directed, but as matters are circumstanced,
we are of Opinion, it would be more convenient and proper that you
should draw your Supplies from Col. Blaine. Advise us frequently of
the Progress you make in your Purchases and your Prospects. Every
Assistance in our Power will be afforded you in the Execution of your
Commission.

Mr. Jacob Giles Jun^r

We are &c

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Sir. We had not the Honor of receiving your favor of the 11th of the current Month
till Yesterday. Before this its probable the Prisoners destined for Washington
County have left Philadelphia. We lament the Necessity Col. Rawlings was
7. under of discharging the Militia Guards; we are yet ignorant of the Cause,
but conclude from our Knowledge of the Col. that the Measure was a
prudent one. Orders heretofore given the Lieutenants of the several
Counties in the Vicinity of Fort Frederick, to furnish the necessary Guard are
considered as still subsisting and we doubt not a proper one will be in Readiness
to receive the Prisoners upon their Arrival. The Powder furnished
the Continent in consequence of the Requisition of your Honorable Board
was sold under a Resolution of our Assembly directing the the Governor
and Council to dispose of such Quantity of that Article as might be spared.
Frequent and the most pressing Applications of Individuals had little Weight
with this Board when put in Competition with your Requisition, and
it was immediately determined the Public Interest should be preferred: thirty
thousand Pounds, the utmost Quantity we could spare, were accordingly
delivered to your Agent and, as we are informed, was removed to Baltimore;
returning it again to our Magazines would be attended with much
Expense and Trouble and, all Circumstances considered we flatter ourselves
you will not view our Conduct in not consenting to credit the Continent
for the Powder, in an unfavourable Light.

The President of
the Board of War

We are &c