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In Council Annapolis 7th Dec^r 1779

Sir
No 20.

The Barracks in Frederick Town are not in a State to accommodate Troops and as probably, Part of the American Army, may be quartered in that Town this Winter, we wish you to have them put in a more eligible Condition as speedily as possible. It is represented to this Board that in a short Time and with little Expence, they may be made fit for Use and that now, so far from answering, the Purpose for which they were erected, they serve for a Rendezvous for Negroes in the Night, by which they are in Danger of being burnt and a Nuisance to the Inhabitants. It is expected you will immediately hire a careful Hand to look to their Safety, or undertake it yourself.

M^r. Abraham Fair.

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Sir.

21. We send you by Capt. John Lora ten thousand Pounds, Part of which to be applied to pay for the Blankets you have engaged certainly, & the 20 conditional of Hughes & Williamson; the Price of the latter is very high, but from your Description of the Quality and Size, are induced to take them. The other Blankets, we cannot, at present, agree to take, particularly as you have engaged some of the same Quality at £12-10. under the Price demanded. The Surplus of this Money, or any in your Hands, we desire you to expend in purchasing the Cloth you mention, fit for Overalls at £4. 10. per yd. and in Linen for Shirts, on the most reasonable Terms, not exceeding the Prices you quote. Please to inform us whether you have received any Articles lately from M^r. Fair and what they are and how you proceed, particularly in the Article of Linen, that we may have some Rule to guide us in any further Orders.

Capt. George P. Meeparts.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 11th Dec^r 1779.

Sir.

22. An Offer is made us by Mess^{rs}. John Dorsey & Co. of some Cloth, said to be proper for Soldiers. We request you to wait on M^r. Dorsey and to inform us of the Quality, Price and Width of the Cloth. M^r. Samuel Chase informs us your Company will part with the Articles wanted, to the State, for £25 to £26 per yd. Your Opinion, as to the Offer, will, in some Measure, be a Guide to us in coming to a Conclusion on this Business. We are much in Want of Blankets, please enquire if any are lately arrived.

Capt. Geo. P. Meeparts.

We are &c.