

In Council Annapolis 15th Dec^r 1779

The Quality of the Cloth is too good for the Purpose it is wanted and consequent
ly the Price too high ~~it~~ would therefore be proper to purchase the Cloth
we mentioned in our last at £4-10. which supposing it to be about 300
yds, will leave a ~~Deficiency~~ Deficiency of Cloth to make up 165 Overalls
wanted in the Whole to compleat 2000 Overalls as we are informed by Mr.
Randall: this Deficiency, we request you to purchase on the best Terms you
can. The coarse Linen you mention may be used in lining the Overalls, at
least to the Knees. We are sorry to find Mr. Saw has not lately sent
you any Supplies; we expect you will soon receive from him some
Shirts and Stockings and that by next Week you will be prepared
to send the Whole to Camp. If the Quality of the Stockings are such as
will answer our Purpose, and the Price within Bounds, they must be bought.
Cannat you obtain a Preference to the State, and inform us of the
Quality and Price? if not, we must leave it to your Discretion to
obtain on the best Terms. We have lately bought some in this Town,
the Quality, indeed, not very good, at 20 Dollars a Pair

Capt. Geo. P. Heeparts

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Sir.

Your Letter of Yesterday this Moment came to Hand. As our Army want
Stockings, and those offered by Mess^{rs} Dorsey & Hammond tho' rather high, are
from your Description, proper; we desire you will close with the Gentlemen at £175.
per Dozen; the Quantity is one among other Inducements with us, to accept the
Offer. The Blankets you have heretofore mentioned, we incline to take, even at
£112-10-0 and therefore request you will immediately secure them. The Council
yesterday in their Answer to yours of the 11th Inst, gave you a discretionary
Power of purchasing particular Cloths for Overalls and at the same Time
refused to accept of those offered by Dorsey and Company, deeming them
too good and too high for the Purpose intended. Leather Breeches, Col.
Borrett thinks, would by no Means suit Soldiers at this Season of the
Year, if so they are not an Object with us. If the ten Pieces of $\frac{3}{4}$ brown
French Duteen at £11-5 per Yard and the 11 Pieces of $\frac{1}{2}$ blue Baize at
£16-10 per Yard, will do for Overalls; We request you will purchase them

We rely upon your Attention and Activity in the Purchase of Linen
for Shirts and that you will advise us from Time to Time of your
Prospects in getting Supplies of that and likewise the Article of Blankets
Send a List of the Cloathing carried to Camp by Mr. Randall that we
may ascertain the Deficiency. Surely you will not suffer the Gentlemen
from Philadelphia or athers, to carry from this State, any Article of
Cloathing required by our Troops, when the Law of July Session 1779
entitled "An Act for the effectual preventing of Hoarding and Engrossing
and for other Purposes therein mentioned" expressly prohibits such
Practices, unless licensed by this Board.

Capt. Geo. P. Heeparts.

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