

with you in Philadelphia, to lodge the Money with one of our  
Delegates in Congress, to whom you must apply, in such Case. All our Endeavours  
to procure a sufficient Quantity of Cloth, suitable for Regimental Uniforms,  
have proved ineffectual; some of the Officers down here in the Recruiting  
Service, have taken the mixed Colours which has induced us to send them  
to Camp.

W<sup>m</sup> John Randall.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1780.

Sir

We received yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> by Express and have sent you five  
Thousand five hundred Pounds by Jeremiah Swain. We shall send up a  
considerable Sum tomorrow for Mr. Randall, which you must wait  
for and have delivered to him. You must take up the Cloths we bought  
of Dorsey and Hamman, which are like the Samples enclosed with a  
sufficient Quantity of Shalloon for Linings and the 50 Pieces of Britanics  
bought of Mr. Dorsey. You must retain as many of the Men as you  
think necessary to guard the Stores and discharge the rest.

24<sup>th</sup>

You will receive by Mr. Wilmot, £30,000 for Mr. Randall, £10,000  
for Gen. Gist and £10,000 for Col. Gunby, which you must take care to  
have delivered to each of them. We have requested Mr. Randall to meet  
you at Philadelphia and it will be proper for you to make Enquiry  
for him. In case Mr. Randall should not be in Philadelphia, you will  
deliver the Money to the Delegates from Maryland in Congress.

Capt. George P. Shepards.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1780.

Gentlemen

Brigadier General Smallwood, some Time past, wrote us, "Should there  
be any Vacancies still in our Line, I must beg leave to recommend Ensigns  
David Luckett, and John Nelson, they received their Appointments in Col. Gist's  
being one of the 16 additional Regiments, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July last; they were  
originally of Col. Grafsen's Regiment, raised in Maryland & have been out ever  
since the Spring 1777. In their own Corps, they were without Interest or  
Friends to recommend them; but on account of their Merit and good Conduct,  
were promoted; I know them to be qualified and young Men of Merit, therefore  
if consistent with the Views of the State, I should be glad they could be  
commissioned." We approve of, and appoint them to Ensigns in the first  
Brigade of Maryland Troops and desire Commissions may issue. He also  
writes us: "As our Line will want many Officers, I would beg leave to recom-  
mend Mr. Henry Baldwin; he has served upwards of two Years, during which  
Time he had ever acted under an Expectation of a Commission, which was  
promised him by Col. Gist and Ramsay, but could not be obtained, before  
the Rank of our Line was settled." We observe by the Returns made us, that  
he ranks as Ensign in the 3<sup>d</sup>. Maryland Regiment, but cannot find any  
Appointment, by this Board; if he is not commissioned, we desire he may be an  
Ensign in the 3<sup>d</sup>. Maryland Regiment. He also writes "I have enclosed you  
a List of such Sergeants and others of the first Brigade, who have been  
recommended for Commissions, by their Field Officers and Captains. I believe  
their Services and Merit entitle them to such Reward, where it can be granted  
consistent with the Views of the State. Perhaps it might be well to avoid  
fixing their relative Rank, as that might be determined by a Board of the  
Field Officers, agreeable to their Merit and Pretensions" Here follows the List  
Wm. Noyes Sergt. Major, Francis Shepherd, Mark W. Sheron, Richard Lee,