

of the ~~State~~, interesting as it was to this State in Particular,  
we have no Reason to doubt that our gallant Countrymen, are  
under very distressing Circumstances from many Causes particularly  
the Loss of their Baggage, and we rest assured that the Honble Board  
of War will see the Propriety of forwarding an immediate Supply.  
Unless we have some Assistance towards Cloathing the Recruits that  
are here, we shall soon have very few to cloath, as they lessen  
every Day by Desertion. We have Reason to believe that our Troops  
have, hitherto, received but a small Proportion of Continental Cloathing.  
To avoid a partial Distribution in future or to quiet Discontent  
and Rumours, if this Opinion is not well founded, it appears to  
us that it would be proper and just each State should know  
what Cloathing and Military stores are annually imported, on Account  
of the United States. If it can, with Propriety be done at this Time  
we should be glad to know what has been imported of those  
Articles for 12 Months past, at least of Cloathing.

Delegates in Congress.

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In Council Annapolis 22<sup>d</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1770

Gentlemen

451. The distressing Circumstances the Maryland Troops are under, by  
the Loss of their Baggage on the 10<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>, oblige us to call on you  
for Supplies from the Continental Stock of Cloathing; their Sufferings  
require immediate Relief. We have likewise an urgent Demand for  
Cloathing for about 200 Recruits, who we detain for want of Blankets,  
Cloth & Linen, and we shall have Occasion for a further Supply  
of those Articles for other Recruits expected. The Time is now  
arrived when it is necessary we should know what Supplies of  
Cloathing may be expected from the general Stock, and to inform  
you that we fear it will not be in the Power of this State, to  
furnish, in Time, more than a partial Supply of Hats, Shoes,  
Hose and Shirts. W. W. Smith lately lent us 200 Shirts, which  
he had bought by your Order. We hope it will suit you to  
give us an Order on him for them and, if you have any Cloathing  
in Baltimore, we request your Order for what you can spare.

Board of War

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