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we have understood the Articles wanted may be obtained there on much better Terms than in this State.

To Samuel Smith

In Council, 30th May, 1781.

Sir,

The extraordinary Exertions made by this State on every Occasion in complying with the Demands of Congress, the Marquis's Detachment the Southern Army, our Militia and other Expenditures have altogether exhausted our Treasury and Stores of Arms and Cloathing, so that it is not in our power to furnish the Troops that are here with Cloathing Arms &c^o nor properly equip our Militias to repel the Enemy. Under these distressing Circumstances, we request you to make known our wants to Congress in the most earnest Manner and Endeavour to obtain a Proportion of all Cloathing Arms &c^o that Congress now or may hereafter have for this State. We do not think that the rampart Pieces will be of great Use to us however he will take five hundred of them for our Gallies, and with Pleasure receive the two field Pieces and as many more as can be spared to us in great Necessity for them. Inclosed are two Letters for Chevalier Colbert one of a high rank recommended by the Marquis, we request you to forward them as soon as possible. We shall forward as soon as possible a Quantity of Flour to be vendued in Philadelphia and propose to supply you with Money from the Sales thereof

Delegates in Congress.

In Council, 30th May, 1781.

Sir,

It is necessary that all the Draughts in this State should be brought to a point. We therefore request you will order all the Draughts within your County to march thither without Delay. Circular to the Lieut. of the several Counties.

In Council, 30th May, 1781.

Sir,

Many of the Soldiers have applied to this Board for their Bounty. we shall be much obliged to you to direct an Officer to make out a List of all those who have not received the Bounty