

Sir, In Council, 19th June, 1781.

Yours of the 14, 17, & 18th Instant respecting the Tent &c we have received. Colo Adams was not authorised by this Board to make the Application, nor can Business be conducted in a proper Line if every Officer that thinks proper, gives his Directions, we therefore acquaint you not to comply with any Orders, but from us; The Tents are much wanted, nor can we do without them. The Tobacco delivered Mr. Key is for particular Purposes and will be solely under his Directions in consequence of his Engagement to advance the Money for transporting and superintending that Business without a Reward. We wish you to be as expeditious as possible with the Tents and Camp Kettles, as the Moments of the Troops now here, depend on these Articles, The Blankets will be indisputably necessary, we therefore wish you to collect all you can, or any Thing that will answer the End. We have complied with your Requests for the Tobacco and Order on Mr. Dallam for one hundred and fifty Barrels of Flour. We conceive it proper that you should exercise the Power invested in you under the late Law for procuring Clothing, particularly when the Proportion of the Articles wanted, have been backward in affording Assistance to the State.

Colo Samuel Smith.

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Major Priest John Steel Thomas and William Johnson have given Information to Mr. Goldsmith of this City, that a Person who conducts himself in a very suspicious Manner lodges with a Man on the Point who is generally thought to be disaffected; he came from New York and has been at Baltimore about three Weeks, is constantly prying into what is going on and says he associates with no one nor is known to any Body. We wish you would endeavour to find out this Man and inquire into the Circumstances of his Behaviour, and if you think there is good Ground to suspect him as a Spy or a Person whose going at large may be dangerous to the State we request you would cause him to be apprehended and his papers seized and sent with him to this Board.

Andrew Buchanan Esq^r.