

Circumstances of this Money being appropriated to the Recruiting Service and not subject even to our Disposition; and that by a Law of the last Session, we are empowered to pay Creditors who have advanced Money to the State on Promises of speedy Payment, or who may be greatly distressed and injured, the Whole, or Part of their Debt, by the Sale of Specifics. You are apprised of our Determination, and the Measures to be pursued, and we have put it in your Power to avoid the Evils which will attend them; though they may appear rigid, they are only such as our Duty and the Welfare of the State have prompted us to adopt and your Conduct fully warrants.

W^m Stephen Stewards.

In Council 31st Jan^y 1702

Sir.

We have been informed that you have enlisted several Men in this State for Col^{le} Vromand's Corps, conceiving yourself authorized by a Resolution of Congress. It was improper for you to proceed in this Business without our Permission, and, as the Legislature of this State has not adopted the Resolution, it is our Desire that you immediately desist from recruiting in Maryland. The Men you have already engaged must have their Option, to return the Money you have paid them, by the 12th of February, and be discharged, or to enlist in the Line of this State; in the latter Case, General Smallwood will order you to be reimbursed the Bounty you have paid them, and if they have received Cloathing, will either pay you for ~~them~~ it, or have it returned.

Lieut. William Murdock.

In Council 20th Jan^y 1702

Sir

The General Assembly, upon Information that Congress had imported or purchased a large Quantity of Soldiers Cloathing for the Army, directed us to apply, in a particular Manner, through your Excellency, for twenty five Hundred Suits for our Line, which we hope will be furnished to us, as it is absolutely beyond our Ability to provide this Article. We need not remind Congress that we have, for these two Years past, clothed our Men entirely without the smallest Assistance from the Continent. If the Whole of the Cloathing requested, cannot be supplied immediately, we would wish to be informed when we may expect to receive it. The Assembly have passed a Recruiting Bill which we believe would be effectual, provided we had Cloathing to give the old Soldiers, as well as the new Recruits. We are also directed by the Assembly to make Application for 3000 Stand of Arms, an Article, of which we are almost destitute, from having lent to the Continent, in the Year 1776, upwards of 3000 Stand, to arm our Regulars and the Flying Camp, none of which were returned, and at different Times since that Period, to arm the Regulars raised in this State, and particularly those raised the last Year, amounting in the whole, to a much larger Number than we now solicit, after deducting what we have received from the Continent.

The President of Congress