In Council 16th July 1782

359 Sir

№ 1194 Our Knowledge of the great Distress of the Southern Army, for Want of Cloathing, and earnest Desire to relieve them as speedily as possible, induced us to engage to Mr. Morris, to defray the Expence of transporting the Cloathing destined for them, from Philadelphia, if he would have it forwarded immediately. It is not in our Power to ascertain with Precision the Amount of the Expenditure, but conjecture it cannot exceed £2000 Specie. We have also undertaken to pay £32.10.0 for 200 Hats purchased for the Invalids to enable them to march to Frederick Town, to act as a Guard over the Prisoners there; these Sums we request you to raise immediately, out of the Specifics on Hand, that we may not fail in complying with Engagements so necessary.

Honble Intendant.

In Council 17th July 1782

Sir. We request you to let John Davis, a Sick Soldier, have a Shirt and

1195. a Pair of Overalls, for which you will be paid at the Time the Payment for the Hats becomes due.

Col. James Postell.

In Council 17th July 1782

Sir. As Steward and Vickers, according to the Information communicated in your last Letter, have been tried for some Offence, and we suppose, for breaking Prison, and fined by the Court and committed until the

1196 Fines are paid; we cannot, at this Time, with Propriety, order those Persons to Virginia, as they must be first discharged and the Fines remitted, which we are not authorized to do.

George Lindenberger Esqr.

In Council 18th July 1782

Sir We are honored with your Address of the 11th July and can assure your Excellency we shall always be happy in having it in our Power to contribute to the Assistance of the Army of our illustrious Ally, and demonstrating our inviolable Attachment to his Interest, and have, with the greatest Chearfulness, complied with your Requests, in

1197. giving full Powers to Mr. Golder to provide proper Quarters for the General Officers and the Establishments necessary for the Subsistence of the Troops, and to procure Vessels, Boats and Carriages Drivers and Stands for the Transportation of your Baggage, by Impress, if they cannot be otherwise obtained. Should your Excellency stand in Need of any other Aid on your March, or during your Stay in the State, it will give us particular Pleasure to render it. Mr. Golder will follow your Express in a few Hours.

The Chevalier De Chastellux.

In Council 18th July 1782

Sir We have the Honor of your Letter of the 11th Instant and much Regret that Circumstances were so urgent as to deprive us of the

1198 Pleasure of his Excellcy the Count Rochambeau's intended Visit, on his Way to Philadelphia. No Mode occurs to us, of making suitable Accommodation for the Officers of his most Christian Majesty's Army,