

own acct; Blankells we had not to give him, wrote to a Gov^l at the head of Elk, who we expected would have furnished his company with some. he had Linnen from us for hunting Shirts &c and we frequently intimated to himself and others who applied on his behalf that if he would bring us some cloth, his company we would pay for the duty and, making the common cause of business with all the other Captains of Independent Companies he talked of taking money in lieu of clothing, we offered him four pounds per man for that article, he sometimes assented, at other times made excuses and appeared undetermined and to say the truth we firmly believe that he renders himself incapable of taking proper care of his Company by drinking to excess. his distance from us was considerable. we had lately, we knew any thing of him, he was represented to us as a brave man, & it has happened that he and his Company have quarrelled we know not the men we doubt not have suffered from the inattention of their Captain, his removal perhaps would be the best method of promoting the publick service, as to Surgeons we have sent forward Mr. Lienes letter to Doctor Brown we know Capt. Thomas wrote to some Gov^l of the Convention and Surgeons have been appointed, of which we send you a list inclosed; if they are all gone up, there can be no just cause of complaint we have not appointed Dr. Wallace Chief Surgeon to the Smallwoods Battalion, because Dr. Wascushall represented to us that he had been up and settled all things to the satisfaction of those concerned; we should be glad to hear whether an appointment be necessary to that Battalion, if so, we propose to raise Dr. Wallace, and his present Mate and send send up a second Mate.

We are obliged to you for your care of the powder, and request you would order it by the stages to Balt^o Town, to the care of Gerrard Hopkins a Mr. Deputies Commissary; the freight we desire you will be pleased to pay must leave the quantum to yourselves. Harris and Vanbeber, say nothing to us what sum ought to be paid for freight - 10 ps. b. on the value here is what we have charged to others and paid when charged; we take it for granted is the customary freight; the Bill of lading however ought to be adverted to; and if the freight be therein specified; no more ought in our opinion to be demanded; we have a duplicate of the bill of lading which ascertains the freight at forty six pounds five shillings and Dollars at 7/6; inclosed you have an order the late session of Conventions which J. Smith was to have forwarded, but we are uncertain whether he transmitted it or not.

To Deputies in Congress
Mess^{rs}. Willing Morris & Co.

We are your m^{ost} ob^l serv^{ts}

Gentlemen,

Eight Battalions are to be raised in Maryland, by order of Congress. Small arms will be much wanted, permission therefore to remind you of your engagement with our State for the supplying of arms and Gunpowder; we hope that it is or soon will be in your power