

Sr. I agree to the resolve of Convention of the 10th September last to select a company of volunteers out of the 23rd Battalion in Harford County. I now make a return of the officers names which are appointed to that Company and I am of opinion a complete company has not gone from Maryland, the officers are first, Francis Holland Captain, John Carlile first Lieutenant, William Young 2nd Lieut and Robert Morgan Ensign. If their commissions are sent to me I shall take care to have them delivered with dispatch. I have advanced to Mr William Coe £3.10.6 for his expenses and trouble in going to Annapolis for the money for the Company as for the amount I inclosed and beg the favour of your sending the money by the first safe hand as cash is very scarce with me.

11 Oct 13th 1776.

I am Sir your most Obedt & Affectionate Servt.

To David of St Mrs Jennifer Esq Pres^t 5-

Aquila Hall.

Philadelphia Oct 12th 1776.

Sr Sir About four days ago I arrived here in search of necessary clothing for the Maryland Regular troops, which are much at a loss shall not be able to procure at present, particularly shoes and stockings, of which we are in great want and unless they can be got will render many soldiers unfit for duty. I will be between then and Christmas they may be procured but at a most extravagant rate, common shoes here are now at £6.10 the dozen pair, and every kind of goods in the like proportion. I applied to Bungee in hopes of being supplied from the Continental Store, but can get nothing from thence. Am in great hopes your Honours will order us back to the Province to get recruited and furnished with the clothing we are now in immediate want of. Col Smalwood wrote me he had wrote down to the Convention for that purpose. I can assure you the very thoughts of keeping our troops at Camp all winter disheartens them very much, now is it to be considered at how the severe duty and great fatigue they have undergone ever since they have been at N York; a deficiency of Provisions we do not complain of, if a constant succession of beef and flour from day to day will do, and that sometimes without salt, and one day in the week we get salt pork, no kind of vegetables does the Commissary furnish us with, and such our situation that we can get none, being the nearest to the enemy's lines, any thing of that kind coming from the Country being taken up by the Eastern troops over King's bridge. Think not Sir, I mean to complain on my own account or that I wish to be recalled, it is for the men in general who are much disintegrated, for fear they should be kept the winter through. The Bearer Mr Hopkins who I believe goes down to solicit favours from your Honours, and who has been a cadet with our troops, can give you a very good account of our treatment and situation at present, and shall say nothing further in that subject. Am informed the enemy is to be put on a new establishment and the whole in the Continental Service, could wish to know what is to be done with the provincial Regulars of our province, as they seem to think they cannot be kept in the Continental Service without their consents, and if the Contract they have entered into for the provincial service be now dissolved, I doubt they will not enter very freely into the Continental Service, much is also the case with the Flying Camp, the

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