

In Council Annapolis 26th April 1780

There are not more than 20,000 Dollars now in the Treasury, 60,000 of which we find you
propose to employ for the Purpose of satisfying the most hungry and clamorous of your
Creditors, it would have given us Pleasure to remit the whole Sum you require
but that is out of our Power. The Proportion drawn from our Stock is
full as much as can be spared. We shall take the earliest Opportunity of
supplying you with the Balance. The Time of Payment is rather nearer at
Hand than we had Reason to expect, especially for the Blankets, other from
your former Letter or our Instructions to you on that Head. The Enclosure
is a copy of a Letter written to you, by Capt. Handy, as he has met with
unexpected Delays, it is sent by this Opportunity, that you may be
packing the Cloaths up and preparing them for Delivery; and in Addition
to the Articles mentioned therein, we must desire you will also deliver
to Capt. Handy, all the Camp Stettles and other Camp Equipage you
have, except those in the Hospital

Capt. Geo. P. Shepards.

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 27th Apr. 1780

Sir.

No other Information that the Maryland Division is on the March
for Carolina has reached this Board, than what is contained in a
Letter from the Board of War to Col. Hollingsworth of the 19th Inst.
a copy of which that Gentleman sent us and since wrote on the 25th
that an Express was just arrived from Head Quarters with Letters ad-
vising him of the Route of the Reinforcement for the Southern Army
and that the Number originally designed for that Purpose was
augmented to 3000, & of the near Approach of their Van, to the Head
of Elk. Col. Hollingsworth had procured only 12 Vessels on the 25th, but
as we have given him adequate Powers, to impress Vessels, we flatter
ourselves, with what we can get here, he will secure a sufficient Number
to forward the Troops as they arrive, without any material Loss of
Time. We have taken the earliest Opportunity of conveying to
you every Intelligence we have received respecting the Movement
of this Detachment and hope it will reach you in Time to regu-
late yours. Every Species of Cloathing in the Hands of our Agent
in Baltimore Town, necessary for our Troops destined to the Southward,
we shall draw to this Place, with a View of making a Distribu-
tion of them, and to that End, have requested Col. Barreft to apply
to the Officer commanding them, to send a Party for them, if
he should not touch at this Port on his Way down. We have