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In Council Annapolis 19th Sept. 1780

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By a Letter received this Day from Gen^l. Gates, we are advised that, in
virtue of a Resolution of Congress, authorizing him to call upon this State
for Supplies for the Southern Army, he had drawn in favour of several
Gentlemen for very large Sums. One of those Draughts for 320,000 Dollars
has been presented for Payment. Our Treasury is empty, but were it
otherwise, we should be under some Difficulty as to the Propriety of
paying it, having not been officially informed that Congress had vested
the General with such extraordinary Powers, nor indeed have we any
other Information of it than what is communicated by the General's
Letter of this Day and the Draught of the Deputy P. M. General
for the Southern Department, which Draught concludes in these
Words "Agreeable to Resolutions of Congress of the 17th June last". We
have no Doubt but the Powers exercised by Gen^l. Gates were
delegated to him and as we cannot find any Mention made of
it in the Journals of Congress for the 17th of June, we presume
Congress esteemed improper for Publication. We beg you will
give us such Information on this Head as you judge prudent
and necessary for our Justification. We are &c.
Delegates in Congress.

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Sir

Your's of the 10th of August was received and we are really sorry for
the sufferings of you and your Regiment and wish it had been in
our Power to have given them immediate and ample Relief;
but, such has been our Situation with respect to Money, that
we have not been able to gratify our Inclinations by supplying
you with the stores &c. ordered by the General Assembly. We have
given Capt. Beyer Orders on the Treasury for all the Stores due
the General Officers of your Regiment, from Maryland, to the first
Day of October next and have furnished him with Stores sufficient
to the first Day, of January next: as soon as it is in our Power
they shall be supplied with the necessary Clothing. We have com-
mitted Capt. Beyer to issue these Articles, which he is to do
as there is more than sent forward than will be sufficient for
the Officers, Capt. Beyer has Directions to issue the same
to the Soldiers in the Proportion of the Articles. We are &c.
Col. Lodowick Wetzel.