

sometime next week. As to the success of the recruiting officers
 have met with we cannot speak with absolute certainty.
 Capt Yates and Capt Deams are near ready to march they
 inform us and General Smallwood has given out a great
 many recruiting warrants, the business goes on but slowly
 we fear. The rank of the officers occasion we believe a good
 deal of uneasiness the commissioners who were sent up
 with full power by the late convention have returned
 their proceedings to the board by which it appears they
 have granted commissions to most of the Field officers
 Captains and first Lieutenants and to some second
 Lieutenants of seven Battalions leaving the eighth for the
 German Battalion which have resigned and the General
 thinks others will resign if the proceedings of the Comm.
 be not reviewed. We do not think the board have power
 sufficient to controul what the Commes have done we
 have therefore thought it advisable to call the General
 Assembly before whom we propose to lay the whole affair
 and after the Rank is properly settled we hope the recruit-
 ing will go on briskly. Yours of the 14th inclosing Resolves
 of Congress of same date relative to the continental currency
 came to hand yesterday we shall lay these resolves before
 the General Assembly together with the other dispatches
 as soon as they meet which is ordered for the 29th instant
 with esteem & regard. We have the honour to be

21st July 1777

Yr most Obedt Servts

John Hancock Esq. President Congress.

Sir

July 25. 1777

We are informed by Mr Jesse Hollingsworth that he
 has under his care two bales of Blanketing belonging to the
 estate of the late Mr Ringold and on state being in great
 want of Blankets for the use of some companies of the
 regular troops that are in other respects ready for their
 march to the Northward we are under the necessity of
 applying to the Exors of Mr Ringold for these two Bales and
 hope we shall receive their order in Mr Hollingsworth
 for them should the exors not be able to afford the price
 for a want of knowledge of the quantity they may not
 assured of being allowed in full proportion to what we
 give others which is very high. We shall be glad to receive
 your answer as soon as possible

Ch. Michel Earle

We are yrs very respt

about Blankets.