

Gentlemen. enclosed in letter of 29 Dec 1779

29 I beg leave to refer to you the enclosed paragraph of a Let from Gen. Smatherwood in answer to my application in behalf of the Maryland Officers in my corps.

I cannot but consider the restriction as very injurious, especially when a late resolution of Congress declares the additional battalions to be on the same footing, as the troops from the State or States, to which they may respectively belong.

I flatter myself, that it will be in your power gentlemen, to authorize Captain Malone to draw the full allowance due to the Maryland gentlemen, & assure you, that we will can even come more reasonably.

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