

General Washington

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Dear Major

Camp near Morris Town 21<sup>st</sup> Decem: 1779

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It would give me peculiar pleasure was I empowered to comply with the purport of your letter by relieving the Maryland Ordnance Officers in your Corps with Supplies of Money or Coathing but the Act of the State which governs me renders their claim altogether inadmissible and limits the Distribution to the seven Maryland Regiments, the Maryland parts of the Rifle & Colman Regiments and Corps of Artillery. altho I have ever considered the restriction in a partial view, yet it is altogether out of my power to remedy it. otherwise the distribution should be extended to no Gentlemen with greater pleasure than those for whom you apply nor would it answer any purpose at present to refer Lieut. Handy to Head Quarters as the Coathing & general Supplies for Officers are entirely exhausted.

