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Chester 29th March 1778

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I received your Excellency's letter by Captain Hawkins. ——— The articles of Clothing you direct to be delivered to him, were all packed up, and I should have sent them to Wilmington the day following.

I do imagine, from your Excellencys letter, that you conclude a considerable quantity of Clothing has been sent in here from other Counties, the fact is otherwise, All I have received is some very trifling articles from Mr. Emory of Queen Anns, So that I have nothing to count upon, but what has been collected in this County. ——— Have had made up 55 Coats 76 pr. Breeches and 93 Vests ——— all this Cloth, except the little from Queen Anns ——— I had in the whole about 600 pr. Shoes, about 300 pair Stockings about 200 Hatts ——— Blankets very few, not so many as the Recruits already raised here want. ——— Your Excellency can not judge whether it be proper to forward any of the above Articles to Wilmington — and what. ——— A few days past I received an Order from General Smallwood to supply a Mr. Bruff, who is taking Recruits for a different Battalion: he will draw for near twenty Men ——— I think it likely Capt. Hawkins will draw for that Number, or More.

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I have no prospect of collecting more Clothing, shall close the accounts immediately, and forward them to Annapolis.

I am your Excellencys most Obed. And Most Humble Servant

Ezek Forman.

Governor Johnson