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The first and second Continental Regiments to the Southward, and the third Regt now ready to March, are in great want of Blankets and other Necessaries suitable to equip them for the approaching Winter Season, which if by any means can be procured, I wish to forward under the Escort of this Regiment that the Troops in the Southern Department may be supplied early in the Fall — this is an Object worthy your Attention, to preserve the Men in that unhealthy Climate.

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You will also want similar Supplies for the two Regiments of Militia now rendezvouzing, out of which I flatter myself numbers will be enlisted to form the fourth and fifth upon the Continental Establishment, which I should have no doubt of compleating, could the Credit of our Money be kept up, or an Advance of Specie be made to enable me to push the recruiting Service with Spirit and Vigour.

This business will also be greatly encouraged and facilitated by having Supplies of Cloathing ready for the equipment of the new Recruits — I am therefore induced to inclose you the following List of Articles which appear to be most essential to be procured immediately. And am with high Regard and Esteem.

Your Obed. Hble Serv.

W. Smallwood

N.B. Money will be wanting for 150 Men lately enlisted in Addition to those for whom Money has been advanced to Mr Denny.

Governor Lee