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Dear Sir,

Wilmington April 20th 1778

I wrote you some time ago requesting that you would order the recruits forward, allow me again to renew the application, and assure you the present state of our Garrison requires it, exclusive of which it is absolutely necess=sary to have them put in training as the season is now favourable for it and approaching fast towards the opening of the Campaign we are much obliged by your Attention in forwarding the late supplys wch the troops were much in want of, it has given them a new face, shirts are still much wanting, and also Breeches, but I could wish in lieu of them that Overhauls could be Adopted, and I think it would be a considerable saving to the state was an under Jacket and hunting shirt provided for each man, which would enable me to store their present stock of Woolen Cloths back in the Country to be reserved for the next winters wear which measure would be very salutary unless the state could be assured of making a better provision in win=ter Cloathing than heretofore, our Troops sufferings and their loss have been greater upon the close of every Campaign than throughout the Course of it, owing to this circumstance of wanting warm & com=fortable Cloathing ——

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

We have had an Insurrection of the Tories lately they Assembled and secretly built a Block-house on Jordans Island at the head of Chester river to the Amount of four Hundred head=ed by one Chuna Clow and others some say there were 7 or 800 being Joined by British Officers & Soldiers, but there is Generally more Smoke than fire, I believe those latter reports were groundless, a small Body of horse & Foot under Lieut Colo Pope were detached to attack them who arived at the Fort about 4 o Clock on Friday Morning