Sir,

Charles County April 15th 1780

This will be addressed by Serjeant Maclain, who has inlisted four fine Fellows for Soldiers all Natives, who he carries up to Annapolis to get cloathed, & to obtain Blankets if possible for himself and them, complaining he has been obliged to give four Dollars P Night for lodging for each of them, for want of Blankets you will therefore be so obliging to order their Cloathing and by all means Blankets if to be had, as they will be very essential for the Recruits - you will also please order the Serjeant to be dispatched as soon as possible, as there is a prospect his inlisting more Men, for which purpose it would be necessary to order him a further Supply of Money, with which he may be trusted -

The inclosed Letter from Colo. Gumby sets forth facts which if just calls for Redress, or at least such Attention and Orders as may correct similar Abuses in future or anticipate like Complaints of Partiality if found to be incorrect, indeed if your Cloathing Act does not limit the Cloathing or place a controlling Power in the Commanding Officer the distributions will frequently be complained of -

I had some thoughts of waiting on you and the General Assembly but it being so late in convening & my stay here being limited deprives me of that Pleasure

I am with great Regard & Esteem
Your most Obed. Servt.
W. Smallwood

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Governor Lee

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