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Gentlemen,

I observe the Gentlemen of the Convention have allowed the Soldiers as a Uniform Hunting Shirts, but no Spatterdashes, which renders the Regimentals incompleat, this they certainly have not advised to, otherways am persuaded they must have seen the impropriety of allowing one & not the other, for you must be sensible that clean Spatterdashes as well as hunting Shirts must cover a multitude of blemishes in the Dress & appearance of the Regiment; which I would most earnestly wish to appear as respectable, & to become as formidable as might be, under our present disadvantageous Situation, respecting military matters; this therefore I hope you'll take under consideration, & flatter myself as the Expence will be trifling, you will be induced to purchase as much Oznabg.s, or what's much better if to be had Ruspin sheeting as will answer this Purpose —

I know the Public Business is very pressing, & that you will be much engaged, yet I must entreat you to purchase what Cloth is to be had in Baltimore suitable for Soldiers Cloathing (also Sail Duck for Tents) the Men inlisted must be very bare, as the Capts. are continually pressing me to know how they are to be furnished with Cloaths, urging that they cannot march them to their Station till clad — Intrenching Tools I imagine may be made here at any time, I think you must judge it essentially necessary to request Mr. Johnson or some other of our Delegates Members, to write Genl. Washington to send us a good Adjutant or two for the use of the Province in general, who as he encouragement might be allowed more than the comon Wages, I am with much Esteem Gent.n y.r very Obed.t Hble Serv.t

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