

the Road, would render it impossible to transport them from that Place in any reasonable Time. indeed it was with the greatest difficulty I could procure Waggons to bring the others from Sukky scenny, the Quarter Masters having nothing nor Teems, nor Credit. The Cloathing obtained at Sukkysunny I saw packed up & ready to put into the Waggons, which were on their way to receive them under the Direction of Cap<sup>t</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> Shephard. The remaining part of the Cloathing, I am to get here, I am determined not to stir till I effect it. Promises I can get by Wholesale, but if satisfied with them that would be all. No Tents can possibly be procured, the Idea of the Hardships our poor Soldiers must encounter in a Southern Climate, if unsheltered must excruciate the Bosom of Humanity

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Sensible I am that your Excellency & the honourable Council will use your utmost Exertions to prevent the Calamity It is the Business of your Soldiers to bear every Distress without repining when your Service & the Interest of their Country demands it, but their Feelings will impel them to look up to you, as the kind Smothier of the rugged Paths of military Life.

I obtained prior to my Journey after Cloathing an order for all kinds of Camp Equipage I received all except Canteens. these I might have got, but must have taken them without straps, a state in which they would only have been a Burthen to the Soldiers. nor can I now get them strapped. the Q Master pleads as an Excuse that he has no money, was it in my Power I should have obviated this Difficulty, but I have already exhausted my little Purse in equipping them

The Board of War have directed me to request that Your Excellency & the ho<sup>r</sup> Council, would endeavour to compleat the Equipment of the Troops, by furnishing them with Vests & Tents. I painted in as strong Colors as I was master of our not obtaining them should we march from Pa<sup>a</sup> without them, but to no Purpose

Should I have used any reprehensible Expressions Your Excellency's will please o impute it to my anxiety for the poor soldiers.

[Chris'r Richmond Secry to Gen'l Gates Hillsborough to  
His Excelly Govr. Lee]

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Sir Colonel Adams having delivered into the Hands of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Clay Dep<sup>y</sup> Paymaster General of the Southern Department Ten Thousand six Hundred and Fifty Dollars, for which, Col Adams has a Certificate under the Hands of said M<sup>r</sup> Clay and as the Colonel could not be supplied here with any other Money than, that emitted in this State, which would by no Means answer his Purpose in Maryland. General Gates has directed me to request your Excellency will take up the said Certificate, and charge the Amount as so much supplied by your State, for the use of the Southern Department