

I have fitted all my Arms with good Steel Bayonets, all bright as from the Gunsmith, in new wooden cases, and in a Strong Arm Chest locks with handles proper for immediately transportation. all the Arms should be kept so, and every Battalion ought to have a Close Ammunition Waggon and a Close Baggage waggon prepared ready to start:

Original.

[Tyler to Council.]

Prince Georges County Nov<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1775

Gentlemen. It is at the request of several persons of Fortune and Character that I am induced to inform you how partially matters were Conducted with regard to the nomination of Field officers to the Battalion on the upper part of Patuxent, there are six Companies in the Forrest and but three below which gave them an advantage which they took of Nominating whom they pleased. I was present when the Nomination was made and objected strongly to their naming but four, by arguing that they would by that means give you no Alternative whatever, but as they had previously agreed on their men what I said avail<sup>d</sup> nothing, I have now only to inform you that the persons polled for that day besides those recommended were M<sup>r</sup> Barton Lucas, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Snowden, M<sup>r</sup> Walter Bowie, Benjamin Ogle Esquire M<sup>r</sup> James Mullikin, M<sup>r</sup> Reason Beall, M<sup>r</sup> William Turnor Wootton & myself any of whom in my humble opinion are equally entitled to your Notice in every respect with those returned, therefore it is to be hoped you will pay no regard to such a recommendation.

I am Gent<sup>a</sup> with much Respect  
Your most Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Tyler.

It can be proved there was pains taken to obtain votes by solicitation & I think the persuasive argument was that they should have a majority of Field officers above.

Original.

[Mason to Council.]

Virginia, Gunston Hall, Nov<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1775.

Gentlemen. Having just received the following important intelligence, and not knowing whether you were apprized of the Character & dangerous designs of Maj<sup>r</sup> Connelly, I thought it proper imediately to transmit it to your Board, together with a copy of a letter & Intelligence, respecting him, rec<sup>d</sup> sometime ago from his Excellency General Washington. This appeared to me the more necessary as the prisoners being