

c. c. mined to refer the adjusting of Rank to a Board of General officers, which will proceed upon the business so soon as the army collects & Circumstances will admit

I have the honour to be, with great Respect
Yr. most obedt. Servt.

Gov^r Johnson

G^o Washington

[Resolves of Congress.]

In Congress, 1 April, 1777

RESOLVED, That no officer already appointed, or to be hereafter appointed in the Army of the United States, shall take Rank by virtue of a Commission antedated; but Rank shall be determined by the time of appointment, unless otherwise directed by special Resolution of Congress.

12th February, 1777

RESOLVED, That Gen^l Washington be empowered to settle all matters of Rank & Pay amongst the officers of the Virginia & Maryland Regiments, and fill up and date the Commissions as he shall think just & proper; and that he also settle any Disputes that may arise in the Army respecting Rank.

A true Copy.

G. Johnston A. D. C.

c. B.

April 12th 1777

Clearance granted to Isaac Wentworth Captain of the Brig Marian, to proceed from Annapolis to James River, he having given Bond & in usual Form.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Thomas eighteen pounds, for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Jⁿ Smith one hundred and twenty five pounds, one shilling and three pence for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson Junior four pounds, two shillings and six Pence, for Am^t of Acc^t

Clearance granted to William Rowntree, Captain of Brig, Peggy and Catey, belonging to Robert M^cKim, of Baltimore to go to James River in Virginia, he having given Bond & in the usual Form.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Gibson (for the use of, James Wonlots six Pounds) and for the use of John Harrison six Pounds, ten shillings for Am^t Acc^{ts}

Clearance granted to Ephraim Lumbard Captain of the Schooner Esther to go to Boston, he having given Bond & in usual Form.