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[Upton Sheridine to Johnson.]

Sir.

January 1st 1777

I last night received a number of Commissions for the officers of the Linganore Battalion and among the rest, one for myself as Colonel. That for myself was what I did not expect, it being now near a fortnight since the election, at the close of which I was declared duly elected, to serve in Assembly, as a Delegate for Frederick County. It is impossible for me to serve in both Capacities agreeably to the present constitution; for I need not put you in mind that by the forty fifth article in the form of Government, Field officers in the militia are ineligible to a seat in the House of Delegates &c. This article I look upon to be a good regulation, and am determined to adhere to it. It being known to and expected by the people, that I am to serve them as their Representative, without the most distant expectation of my serving as a Field Officer, and as one or the other must be resigned, it is my resolution to act in the former capacity. And therefore with that respect which is due to the Executive Body of this State, I resign into your hands, herewith enclosed, the commission made out for me, as Colonel of the said Battalion.

I am Sir

Your humble Serv^t

Upton Sheridine.

Brigadier Gen^l Johnson,
favoured by M^r George Beckwith

P. S. The other commissions are transmitted to the several officers. U. S.

[George Wells to Council.]

Baltimore January 1st 1776

Gentlemen.

Per M^r Barry I send you according to desire the accounts against the four Gallies, by which it will appear that I have expended considerably more money than I have yet received, please to send the ballance by Bearer. I shall with pleasure goe on with the other Galley, but must beg leave to be advanced a sum of money for that purpose, as it is highly inconvenient for me to lay out my own money. Any money you think proper to advance on that account, Please likewise to send by M^r Barry and his receipt will be good.

I am

Gentlemen, with great respect your most
hum. Serv^t George Wells

The Honble Council of Safety
for the State of Maryland, Annapolis

P. S. As M^r Stephen Stewart is not here & that I dont