

Officers; the returns not being near compleat nor, in all Cases, c. c. so distinct as we could wish, we cannot ascertain the Number of Men who go under the Character of Drafts, but, from what we have seen, we perceive that an over Proportion of Officers are among them. Capt^t Williamson and Lieu^t Dare from Calvert, Lieu^t Morgan, who you appointed Brevet Captain last Campaign, from St Mary's and Lieu^t Dyes, from Prince Georges, go up now with the Recruits, Substitutes and a Few Drafts. We do not know how many there will be in the Whole, but suppose not more than one Company, and probably, with the others there may also be some Officers. We feel much Embarrassment under these circumstances as we imagine several of them will be supernumerary Officers and have little to do in Camp, and sending them home from hence might occasion much uneasiness in their Neighbourhoods on their Return. We have therefore concluded that they shall proceed and wish you, as soon as you can have a comprehensive View of the Subject and its Circumstances that you will retain them or such of them as may be useful in their Station or any other that may suit with their Inclination, or if you see that they cannot render the Service they wish, that you would discharge them. Inclosed you have a Copy of the Resolution of the General Assembly respecting Gen^l Count Pulaski's Legion, by which we understand he is on 'the Footing, in this State, with the Maryland Regiments. We shall, if we find he has any men who were attached to the Regiments, endeavour to have them restored. Our Exertions to equip our Men have not fully succeeded. We have endeavoured to get Assistance from the Continental Stores, but do not know whether we have succeeded; we wish you to second our Instances, especially for Blankets, they are not to be had here and nothing but the strongest Impressions of sending the Men forward without could have induced. We run too great Risk of the Loss of many of them. Could you not spare an Officer of a proper Temper to teize the Cloathier General perpetually? We think, a good Dunn could not be more usefully employed.

Gen^l Smallwood.

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[Council to C. Williamson.]

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Sir.

Lieutenant Johns informs us that there is a young Fellow Basil Hellen a Draft from Calvert, an exceeding good Drummer and is willing to enter into the State Service for