

of those Officers, or that they would have come out under any other Confidence, than that they understood full powers were to be given to fix the General Principle of Rank between the Corps, and after that was laid to Alter undue Promotions, as they must have been conscious the latter was an Object which the Officers could not get over, who now Complain doubly of the breach of Confidence after so long a Service, which they now declare they would not have remained a day in, under such glaring Acts of Partiality

The Brevet Officers Complain of no reserve being made for them who are intituled upon every Military Principle, but under the present Construction and Resolution they must Suffer with the others in the above recited Instances what the event will be I don't know but I dread the Consequences and fear their Effects will be too soon felt upon Gen^l Washingtons return from Philad^a for experience thus far has taught me that such a number of season'd brave Officers, who have mostly had three years experience and Actual Service will be no inconsiderable loss, out of the Line of the troops of any State upon the Continent

I have inclosed you a return of the State of my Brigade, and shou'd have transmitted a Similar one of the Maryland Division, could it have been Obtained, but it is not now under my Command

We have just recieved Advice of part of the Cork fleet having arrived in New York which was said to be intercepted, nothing new here at present

I remain with sincere regard
Your very Obed^t Hble Serv^t
W Smallwood

Thursday 21 January 1779

C. B.

Present as on Tuesday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Bagness Cloth for a pair Breeches, and two pair Shoes

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Luther Martin Esq^r Two hundred and fifty Pounds per Acc^t passed by the Aud. G^l

The Congress having laid aside the Design of employing the Baltimore & Independence Gallies, Com^o Grason is therefore Ordered not to enlist any Men for a Southern Expedition in Consequence of our Former Orders and he is to give Orders accordingly to the Officers in his Department

Friday 22^d January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut John