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[Washington to Gov. Johnson.]

Head Q<sup>rs</sup> Middle Brook

May the 28: 1779

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform Your Excellency, that after a variety of attempts, and much time and labour spent by several Boards of Officers, the Arrangement of the Maryland line has been at length fixed and Commissions have been issued for the Officers agreeably to it, by the Board of War, except in the instances mentioned in the inclosed List. The Gentlemen named in this, belong to the State, have served with the Troops a considerable time and have been recommended and arranged to the ranks against their respective names; but as they have never received any appointments from the State, I have thought it necessary to obtain your Excellency's sanction to the measure, previous to my application to the Board for Commissions for them. They are all reported to be Gentlemen of merit and well intitled from every consideration to these promotions. The two first and the last from a deficiency of Officers have long acted as Officers in the line, and M<sup>r</sup> Stoddart for near Two years as a Brigade Major to General Smallwood. Indeed it would be a fortunate circumstance on account of the great want of Officers occasioned by resignations & other causes, if there were several other Gentlemen who could be recommended and receive appointments. I shall be obliged by Your Answer, by the earliest opportunity.

I have the Honor to be with sentiments of very great respect  
& esteem, your Excellency's most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

G<sup>o</sup> WashingtonHis Excell<sup>y</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Johnson

C. B.

Saturday 29 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wil-  
mot Twenty two Pounds p Account passed by the Aud Gen<sup>ls</sup>  
Dep<sup>y</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to James Freeland One hundred  
and Thirty Five Pounds due him p Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Dep<sup>y</sup>  
Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay Capt John Lynch of the 5  
Maryland Reg. three thousand Dollars to be expended in the  
Recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Bailey of the 3<sup>d</sup>  
Regim<sup>t</sup> Four thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruit-  
ing Service