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Sir

I have just rec<sup>d</sup>. yours of the 10. Inst. informing me of the Behaviour of most of your Company in refusing to deliver up your Pipes and Drummers to the Officer and Guard, which I had expressly order'd after them and am sorry that my Duty obliges me to lay their Conduct before the general Assembly, and to remark that if they have not disobey'd Orders, they have at least descended to a Degree of Stubborness which in this Instance as Gentlemen and well Witsness to their Country, they ought to have held themselves above. At the same Time allow me to return you my Thanks for your Conduct on this Occasion, and I flatter myself you are conscious as Gentlemen I made it my particular Duty to treat with Politeness, and extend every Indulgence to your Company whilst under my Command, and from a Consideration of their respective Circumstances and Situations in Trade and to oblige discharg'd them, before it was consistent with my Duty or the Vigency of the State.

If these Gentlemen should my Orders in Contempt, they certainly ought not to have suffer'd themselves to be influenced by the Convenience of a paltry Drummer and Pipes, to have influenc'd their Conduct to the Prejudice of their Country. For it's very clear your Comp. any could have had no Use for them — have inclin'd your Letter to the Assembly, and should be oblig'd wou'd you transmit me a List of the Names of such, who refus'd to let the Officer comply with his Orders.

I am with much Regard Sir  
Yours obed<sup>t</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Smallwood

(Sign'd) W<sup>m</sup> Smallwood Brig. General

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of which Lieut. Campbell may have acquitted himself on this Occasion in a Manner becoming a regular Officer

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