

determined to retain.

However you can govern yourself by the former lists, and excepting the deficiency which you will observe by the list which Mr Shaw the former armourer here will send with the stores.

Colonel John Tucker
Bait Town

We are and for the
J. H. Stone

In Council Annapolis September 14 1796

Sir,

In your letter of the 15 of August respecting a Comoner in Somerset County, you mention the receipt of ours addressed to you on the subject of a dispute in Worcester concerning a Commission in the Militia, and at the same time you observe that no answer has been given to your letter enclosing a Memorial from the Officers of Colonel Handy's Regiment on the subject of Mr Carroll's appointment.

In order to remove any surprise or further expectation by the Officers on that subject we must inform them, that the Commission given to Mr Carroll cannot be revoked or taken from him without his consent and of course that the appointment, (if improper) cannot now be remedied whatever its consequences may be.

Our silence hitherto on the subject may be accounted for on the ground of its not being the rule or custom of the Board to explain their reasons for the appointments made by them, and it must be obvious that no positive or certain reason could be given for an appointment or any other act which results from the concurrence of Individual Members who may be actuated by different motives. and as recommendations are sometimes given verbally and reasons founded merely in opinion may operate in the minds of the Members, we can only observe that those who are present when appointments are made must be responsible for the propriety of them, but that no