

The DELEGATES of the FREEMEN of MARYLAND in CONVENTION,

To *Thomas Sim Lee Esquire*

We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your fidelity, courage, good conduct, and attachment to the liberties of America, DO, by these presents, constitute and appoint you to be *first Major of the Eleventh Battalion of Militia to this Province*

YOU are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the trust reposed in you, by disciplining all officers and soldiers under your command; and we do hereby strictly enjoin and require them to obey you as their *first Major*

And you are to observe and follow all such orders and directions as you shall, from time to time, receive from this or a future Convention, or from the Council of Safety of Maryland for the time being, according to the rules and regulations established by this or a future Convention. THIS Commission to be in force until revoked by this or some future Convention of the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland, or by the Council of Safety of Maryland for the time being, according to the powers and authorities in such Council of Safety to be hereafter vested by such Convention.

Given in Convention at Annapolis  
Anno Domini, 1776

this *third* day of *January*

*John*

*Wm. Fitzhughman President*