

Ordered, That he rank as youngest Captain of the said Battalion.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow morning half after 9 O' Clock

Original.

[Youst to Council.]

George Town 17<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen. Having applied to The Committee of observation for a sufficient quantity of Powder for proving the guns, which I have engaged to furnish The Council of Safety, which I have refused without your approbation should be glad you would please to nominate a man in Town to see the Guns proved as it is inconvenient to me, at present to leave the Business. M<sup>r</sup> Deakins has left town, which prevent his writing, to you according to agreement, I hope gentlemen you<sup>l</sup> Please to let me know what I am to expect as the guns cannot be delivered or finished otherwise than by your granting a Licence for Powder.

I am gentlemen your very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
John Youste.

Original.

[J. Murray to Council.]

Gent:

The Bearer hereof M<sup>r</sup> James Campbell, (who acted as a Cap<sup>t</sup> of our Militia) had the Honour, on application of being appointed a Lieut. of the Light Infantry Company at our last Convention. I am to beg Leave to introduce this Gentleman to you, as particularly worthy your notice

I think upon Conversation with him he may afford some very useful Hints in those Branches that we, at this Time stand so much in need of, I mean Gunnery & Fortification.

Have known him for several years in Character of Cap<sup>t</sup> of a Ship, the Seafaring Life having been his calling from his Infancy: and think, to do him Justice in that Scene or any other that he engages in, he will merit Esteem. I believe he brings with him a Plan of a Floating Battery, his own Invention, which may very probably afford matter for Improvement, should the Original fail. If you attempt Fortification and are not already supplied with an abler Hand, believe you'll find him very cleaver in drawing & taking Charts of y<sup>r</sup> Harbours & Bay and pointing out the fittest Place to erect Fortifications on. With due Regard I remain—

Gent: Your hum Serv<sup>t</sup>  
James Murray

Cambridge 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1776.