

c. s. J. Letter received from Col. Sim of Prince George's County and answered (vid N^o 20)

Ordered That the Paymaster pay unto Lieutenant Bennett Bracco one hundred Pounds on Account of Capt. Rezin Beall's Company.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

Capt. Nathaniel Smith sent to the Council of Safety a Copy of the Enrolment of his Company which was examined with the Original and ordered to be filed.

Ordered That Capt. John Fulford be appointed to prove the Cannon to be furnished by Mess^{rs} Samuel and Daniel Hughes for the use of the Province, and that the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County furnish him with Powder sufficient for that Purpose.

A Copy of the above Order was sent to Capt. Fulford inclosed in a Letter requesting him to comply therewith. (vid: N^o 21)

A Copy of Letter N^o 22 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

c. s. C.
No. 20.

[Council to Sim.]

To Colonel Joseph Sim

Sir.

Upon inspecting the Return made by the Prince George's County Committee of the Nottingham Company, we find that M^r Fielder Bowie hath been elected first Lieutenant, M^r William Newman Dorsett second Lieutenant and M^r Thomas Hoyer Ensign thereof.

In the line of Preferment generally adopted in the Military Department, on the promotion of the Captain the first Lieutenant succeeds him and the other commissioned Officers in like Manner, by which means the nomination of a new Ensign alone will become necessary.

The Council have thought it most expedient to follow this Mode, but look upon themselves at full Liberty to deviate therefrom on special and good Reasons. It does not appear to them from your Letter or otherwise that the Gentlemen, the Company wish not to be promoted, have done any Act to forfeit the good Opinion of their Country or that they are in any manner disqualified.

We have sent Capt. Bowie's Commission, but keep back the Commissions for the other Officers' till we have your Reasons or that of the Company for departing from the Line of Preferment.

20th Feby. 1776.