

with the rest of the field officers of said Batt<sup>a</sup> and we unanimously agreed to recommend M<sup>r</sup> William Ritchie as a man well calculated to fill up the place if he should meet with your approbation we pray that a Commission may Issue and be transmitted with the above.

C. B.

[Petition of Frederick Company.]

To the Council of Safety of Maryland.

The petition of Sundry the freeholders and Inhabitants of Frederick County who compose the Company to which Col<sup>o</sup> Charles Beatty was formerly elected Captain and Col<sup>o</sup> Baker Johnson first Lieutenant the removal of whom to their present appointments have occasioned vacancys. We therefore to render the Company compleat, and that it may exercise in Batalion as directed by the resolves of the convention have gone into a choice of officers to fill the vacancies above mentioned and have appointed M<sup>r</sup> John Adlum Captain John Ferguson first Lieutenant, Christian Weaver second Lieutenant and Thomas Beatty Ensign. If those gentlemen meet with your approbation, of which we have but little doubt, we hope that Commissions may issue and be transmitted to Col. Charles Beatty by the first opportunity.

Signed p<sup>r</sup> order,  
William Ritchie Clk.

[Hanson to Council.]

Original.

Frederick Town March 3<sup>d</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen Yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> February came to hand a few days ago inclosing a resolve of the Congress respecting the Collection of Gold and Silver in this province together with your appointment of myself and others to collect the same in this County. I am sorry to acquaint you that it is not in my power to render the Public any Service in that way on the terms proposed—no one being willing to part with their Gold & Silver without receiving the paper immediately in Exchange Any orders your Honours may at any time think proper to Intrust me with shall always be Complied with as far as may be in the power of

Gentlemen  
Your most Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
John Hanson J<sup>r</sup>

Annapolis Monday 4th March 1776.

C. S. J.

Present of the Council, M<sup>r</sup> Hall, M<sup>r</sup> Smyth and M<sup>r</sup> Hands.

A sufficient number of Members to compose a Council not having met, they adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.