

Resolved that this time of emminent danger the Colonel of c. s. c. this County be empowered & he is hereby empowered to station any number of the Militia of this County as he shall think proper not exceeding one hundred men to watch the motions of the said vessels & to repell any fear from them, & to empower the Commanding officer or officers of the said guard to contract with any person or persons to supply with provisions the said Guard:

Ordered that the Clk do inform the Honble the Council of Safety of these proceedings by post or express directly for their orders herein :

Signed p order E. Johnson clk pro tempore :

[J. Beall to Council.]

6th March 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have agreed with William Thomas to act as adjutant to the Twenty fifth Battalion of Militia, If a Commission is to be filled up for him please to enclose it to me, I have not yet heard that any persons are commissioned as majors to this Battalion Cap^t Andrew Beall it seems has applied for one and I am told is so shore of getting a majority that he has quite the command of his Company as Captain. We have had great confusion about the appointment of Field officers already, I ordered a meeting of officers yesterday, many of whom attended, and find by them that Andrew Beall would be a person very disagreeable both to themselves & companys some of the officers declare they will not be commanded by him, and seemed desirous that I should recommend gentlemen for Majors, this might be giving offence to many, as I at this time do not know who would be most proper persons for that post, I can only give it as my opinion that Thomas Williams & Rich^d Hall who were the choice of the majority of the officers heretofore would be the most likely to give satisfaction to the officers and men in general.

I am Gent^a y^r most obed^t Hum^l Ser^t
Jos^a Beall.

Thursday 7 March 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Commissions issued to Bennett Combs appointed 2^d Lieut. and James Williams Ensign of a Company of Militia in S^t Mary's County.