

I was impressed with a grateful sense of the favor conferred on me. The more so as it was unsolicited. But their recommendation, for reasons which I am in some measure at a loss to suggest, did not meet with the approbation of the convention. And a Lieu' of a younger company in another Battalion, who was not recommended by the Committee to any office was appointed, whose experience was not conspicuous, and whose assiduity in promoting the good of the cause we are justly engaged in did not exceed my own, The first Lieu' of my company was promoted to the appointment of first major in the same Battalion, by which means, was I to accept of the Commission I should be under the Command of one who was formerly an inferior officer in a younger Company, and of another who was an officer under me, These reasons I hope will appear satisfactory to your honors and Justify my resignation, especially as I find it impracticable for me, with Honor under those circumstances, to render my country that service which I was inclined to do I would not be understood, as it is far from my design, to cast reflections on the conduct of the Convention or that I suspect them of being partial in the above appointments. I rather am inclined to believe it has proceeded from their being deceived by persons who they may have depended on for information in this opinion I am the more confirmed, from the many resignations of Commissions, and from the complaints of the people on account of the appointment of Field officers in this district. I am Gentlemen

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[Rumsey to Council.]

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Gentlemen. I have received a Lre from Lieu' Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Hollingsworth of the Head of Elk in Cecil County, relative to the guns in which he informs me that M<sup>r</sup> Johnson had acquainted him that I had some credentials or orders from the Council of Safety to him relative to the making of Arms and praying that if I had to dispatch them forward by the first opportunity as he had given the matter out, that the workmen were dispersed and must be collected again which he was willing to do out of a hearty wish to forward the service. I have wrote him in return that the Council had delayed to answer his Lre until they should be ascertained of getting of locks, that the Difficulty was in some measure removed by the expectation of importing a quantity of them and I did not doubt but the Council would answer his Lre on their getting to Annapolis that it would be necessary he should have a pattern as all the