

c. s. c. guns must be made of one bore or calibar and length but that on inspection of my Memorandums I had it not in charge from the Council to make any agreement with him I have a Lre also from my brother Col^o of the second Battalion in Cecil. Commissions for our companies in the Battalion are it seems made out the other four have none this creates uneasiness and he cannot altho very desirous of it review them. He says the people are much discontented at the right of election being taken away. There is a Lre from M^r Gilpin on that subject in one of the Bundles. He writes as well as I remember that M^r Ramsay had made out the Commissions and left them at M^r Peals. M^r Duvall promised to get them and send them up it would answer good purposes and avoid a good deal of confusion to have the Commissions in this Battalion filled up. I inclose a commission resigned in Cap^t Stewarts Com^y in the 8th Battalion with the name of a person indorsed that would be agreeable to the Company to have for their ensign in the Lieu of the ensign resigned and should be obliged to you to expedite his Commission. There are a good many more vacancies in the 8th Battalion as soon as they can be collected together a list will be laid before you in order that they may be filled up indeed did I know how to do it properly I would do it now as I do not know how soon we may be called out to action your advice to the Commee of Baltimore County of the 5th Instant being laid before me last night with the Brigadiers order to hold ourselves in readiness. The men are undisciplined they therefore more especially require to be full officer'd. But as we may want time to do that I am determined to march with what we have and have wrote circular Lre to my Cap^ts to hold themselves & Companies in readiness to march on the first notice I wrote yesterday to M^r Garrett about the Bayonets and shall communicate his answer as soon as received. In conversation with one of the officers of my Battalion he informs me M^r Purviance has made a requisition of the guns which were in the hands of the minute Company in this County that twenty eight had been sent the other two have been carried off by two of the minute Companys who have inlisted in the regular service and are stationed at Baltimore he could not recollect their names. I am Gentlemen :

7th March 1776

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Your most humble Serv^t

Benjamin Rumsey

[Worcester Co. Committee to Council.]

March the 7, 1776.

In Committee of observation for Worcester County Maryland. In pursuance of the resolves of the Convention, M^r