

as he had been a soldier several years in the last war, I imagined he must have been better qualified than any other person I had the opportunity of getting at that time, however found myself much deceived for he was as ignorant as those who had never seen a musket thrown in their lives, and surprisingly awkward in every respect, and still continues so. There are many young men in the company who are much better qualified in every respect, and I believe as many so as in any Company in the Province. M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton is a poor man and has a wife and several children, and no person to work for them, but himself, therefore cannot make the appearance that an Officer ought to make, is a person of no Education, neither is he qualified in any respect whatever to keep company with the other Gentlemen Officers, which is a material objection by the Company, as they would not choose to serve under an officer who could not keep company with, and be looked upon by other officers but more particularly, as he is esteemed a very improper person in other respects, and of more consequence to those under him. There are other objections which I do not choose to meddle with, yet I hope have said enough to evince to you, how very displeasing he is to the Company, and the ill consequences that might arise, in case of his appointment, and what I can with much truth and certainty assure would come to pass (i. e.) the breaking up of a Company of much consequence. Relying on your Honours wisdom in not appointing a person so disagreeable (as nothing but my particular desire to have the Company kept together and to be satisfy'd, could have induced me to write in this manner) I remain with the utmost respect Gentlemen,

Your mo. obed<sup>t</sup> hble. Serv<sup>t</sup>

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[Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Original.

Gent. We moved yesterday in Congress, that the letter referred to by M<sup>r</sup> Johnson, should be immediately transmitted to you that you might have an opportunity of vindicating your Honour against the malicious charges made by the writer, this produced a warm debate which lasted for several hours, we insisted (and were supported by several Gentlemen) that the letter containing the most severe reflections upon you as a publick Body ought not to be concealed; that it was absolutely necessary in the present state of our Affairs that the Dignity of the Executives of every province should be supported if properly conducted and if there rested a suspicion that any publick Body either from weakness or want of integ-