

meeting of the Convention which is now soon. I will be obliged to you if you will write me by the bearer and let me know if it will be needfull for me to attend the convention or not, and what time you would recommend for me to go down. I have had no letters from either the Cap^t or Supercargo since those I laid before you. one of the sailors that went out in the schooner is come to town and sundry Gentlemen of this place who were at S^t Eustatia and can give a full acco^t of that seizure of her being condemned and sold. I am going tomorrow to the Country and cannot be home before the 15th of this month.

I am sir your ob^t Hu^l Serv^t William Neill.

Original.

[S. Smith to Council.]

Baltimore Town 1st May 1776.

Gentlemen: M^r Campbell by this conveyance resigns his commission of first Lieu^t in my Company in order to be of more essential service to his country by distressing the trade of our Enemies in a Privateer fitted out by a Gentlemen of this town. If it does not interfere too much with a plan you may have laid down for promotions in the Regular Service, I shall be exceeding happy to have my second Lieu^t appointed to the vacancy, he is very capable & more acquainted with the men & their dispositions & of consequence can be of more use in the Company than a stranger.—should you have determined to raise the officers according to their seniority. I doubt not you have heard of M^r Kids character (who is eldest 2nd Lieu^t) & I rest satisfied you will not promote any person who is not equal to it. should you not have promised the Ensigncy that will be vacant, I shall be happy to have my Brother James in the service, he has been in the Independant Comp^y of this Town ever since its formation & understands the duty as well as most young officers, I am Gentlemen

Your obliged & mo obed^t Serv^t Sam: Smith:

Original.

[Campbell to Jenifer.]

Daniel of S^t Thomas Jenifer Esq^r

Baltimore 1st May 1776.

Sir: Several Gentlemen here are desirous to send me out in a privateer from this place, my own inclination also, leads me to you having been accustomed to the sea service, we have taken great pains to get a vessel fit for the purpose, and think we have succeeded, you'l receive enclosed the commission with which I was honour'd; Retaining the utmost grati-