

[Council to Alexander.]

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No. 22.

To Robert Alexander Esq^r

Sir.

Mr Purviance has just now informed us of your return to Balt^o Town, after your long absence from your family and friends, which as it must afford you and them great joy and satisfaction, we most sincerely congratulate you thereon.

We have sometimes found much difficulty in transaction of business that originally had been under your direction, for the want of the contracts and other papers relative thereto, and we should be glad that you would transmit to us, as soon as you conveniently can, all the agreements and papers you have in your possession respecting the public, & which properly may come under the inspection and cognizance of our Board. We hope soon to hear of your being restored to perfect health.

12th June 1776

[Betton's Petition to Convention.]

Original.

To the Honble the Delegates of the Province of Maryland now met in Convention. The petition of Turbutt Betton Junior of Queen Anns County sheweth: That since the inhabitants of this Province, have been reduced to the disagreeable necessity of taking arms in defence of their injured liberty your petitioner hath relied on the resolutions of the Convention of this province from time to time made as a means in a great degree whereby redress of grievances may be obtained and Anarchy and confusion happily avoided, under those impressions your petitioner heretofore enrolled as a private in Captain Thomas Wrights Company of Militia in Queen Anns County and chearfully submitted to do duty in that station being firmly resolved to support the authority of the Convention to the utmost of his power. That the said Thomas Wright hath been appointed Colonel of the Battalion to which the said Company belongs since which the Honble the Council of Safety of this Province have appointed James Bordley Captain John Kent first Lieu^t James Earle second Lieu^t and Nathan Brown Ensign of the said Company, but a majority of the same Company regardless of the resolutions and appointments of the convention & Council of Safety have refused to acknowledge the field officers of the said Battalion appointed by the Convention or to Act under them and have nominated acted under and appointed other field officers in their stead and have also refused to acknowledge and act under the said second Lieu^t and Ensign appointed by the Council of Safety but have also nominated, and act under others, appointed