

his Health and private Concerns and that the Chairman make out a Pass-port to be delivered to the said Dan<sup>l</sup> Wolstenholme agreeable to the Resolve." Abraham Barnes Esq<sup>r</sup> the Chairman of the Committee accordingly delivered to M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme the Pass-port in the Terms of the Resolution aforesaid & he the said M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme put himself to considerable Trouble and Expence to prepare himself for his Departure. When M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme had got into a Readiness to make use of his Pass-port, he addressed a Letter to Gov<sup>r</sup> Eden then on board the Fleet at S<sup>t</sup> Georges requesting him to use his Influence with the Commanding Officer (Commodore Hammond) to procure a Flag to be sent ashoar to take him aboard. This Letter was put into the Hands of the Gentleman who then commanded the Militia at S<sup>t</sup> Georges & it was forwarded by him on board the Fleet. Unfortunately for M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme the Fowey Cap<sup>t</sup> Montague lay nearest the Shoar and his Letter was delivered along side of that Ship. Cap<sup>t</sup> Montague having by his Conduct some time before off Annapolis been deemed to have broken the Truce agreed to, the Convention had resolved that no Correspondence should be continued with that Ship. To this Reason M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme attributes his being prevented from going in that Ships Boat which was sent ashoar with a Flag for him, as he has never heard any other Cause assigned for depriving him of the Effect of his Pass-port.

M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme looks upon himself as having been exceedingly unlucky that that Ships Boat of all others in the Fleet, should have been employed in this Business, believing that had any other Ships Boat been sent he would have been permitted to go, as he is not conscious of having done anything to forfeit the Indulgence granted him under the Resolve of Convention. The Hardships M<sup>r</sup> Wolstenholme has suffered by the Detention of his Person and Property, his Situation in respect of his Health & the peculiar Circumstances of his Case being duly considered, he hopes that the Validity of his Pass port may be established and that he be permitted to depart with his Effects on the Terms therein mentioned.

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[Otho Williams to Convention.]

Gentlemen, Frederick Town July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1776.

Colonel Stull informs me that at your last convention at Annapolis you did me the very great honour of appointing me a Colonel of the Frederick County Battalion to serve the United States of America in the flying camp until the first day of December next.