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[Baltimore Committee to Convention.]

Gentlemen. In Committee Baltimore 2 Sep<sup>t</sup> 1776.  
 This committee having heard that your Hon<sup>ble</sup> house are about to raise a battalion or two in this Province, We beg leave to recommend the bearer M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Wilmott a native of this county and attacht to the Liberties of America as a Lieutenant or Ensign in the Service.  
 We are with all due respect Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Purviance Jun<sup>r</sup> Chairman, Will<sup>m</sup> Lux V. Ch<sup>n</sup>  
 And. Buchanan, Jno Boyd, Edw<sup>d</sup> Talbott, Benjamin Griffith, William Wilkinson, Thomas Rutter.

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[W. Deakins, Jr., to Council.]

Honb<sup>le</sup> The Council of Safety, Lower District of Fredk County,  
 Gentlemen: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1776.  
 Yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> last month to my brother Leonard came to hand a few days after he had marched for Philadelphia, he waited several days after his letter to you of the 12<sup>th</sup> but receiving no orders he consulted Colo Griffith, who ordered him to march and recruit on the way, four or five men to compleat his company, after which his return was to be made from Philadelphia. I hope my brother will stand excused for this step, for both the Col<sup>o</sup> and himself thought it for the good of the province; he would have been one of the first companies full, had he not been unlucky in some of his officers, he has himself recruited most of his men. Bruce who solicited you for the Ensign's commission has not recruited one man, notwithstanding he engaged to go with the Company till the day they march, and even then promised the Captain to follow him in a day or two, but has since declined.  
 I know my brother will wish to have his first Sergeant, M<sup>r</sup> Denniss Griffith appointed his Ensign, and when he makes his return I expect he will solicit you in his favour. He is a very deserving young man and I think merits the commission.  
 The cash you sent by M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls for my Brother is delivered to the Committee of this District who will account for it.  
 I am Gentlemen  
 Your obed<sup>t</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
 Will Deakins Jun<sup>r</sup>

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[Burnell to Council.]

Baltimore 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1776.  
 Gentlemen. I was first shipt as master mate of the Ship Defence at her first setting out in the proventional service. At the time Lieut Boucher left the Ship I was advanced to Master by the Council of Safty. I hope your Honours will