

c. s. c. take passage in this vessell for Philadelphia you'l endeavor to take up said obligation which otherwise we may find difficult to discharge here when demanded. The terms with him rely on you to make but think you had better give currency for currency in Speicie together with Interest accruing, than suffer a demand of the money here, should you take up the above mentioned obligations, which will be rendering the State of Maryland a singular service please to advise us thereof by first opportunity

We are with Esteme
Gentlemen, your most obed^t Serv^{ts}
Van Bibber & Harrison

Mess^{rs} Willing & Morris
Merchants
Philadelphia

per Sloop.
Betsey, Cap^t May. }

[Dent and Parnham to Council.]

Annapolis Nov^r 8th 1776.

Gentlemen.

M^r Hugh Gardner of Charles County being desirous of serving the American States in the Military wars, we beg leave to recommend him to your Hon^{ble} Board. from a thorough knowledge of M^r Gardner, his strong attachment to the interest of his Country, the Zeal he has always shown in the common cause, his indefatigable assiduity and application to and knowledge of Military affairs. We can assure that his merit wou'd well entitle him to the command of a Company or Indeed to a higher commission, but as he is sensible that there are men of merit who have been some time in the service and who ought to be preferred, all that he at present aspires to is Lieutenantcy, and I believe he would be glad of being in the Mattross Service; We wou'd Therefore propose him as first Lieutenant in the Company of Mattrosses now raising for this Town, to the command of which company from the good opinion we entertain of his abilities, we hope M^r W^m Campbell may be preferred, We are gentlemen

Most Respectfully yours &c.

Jⁿ^o Dent
J. Parnham.

c. s. J.

Saturday November 9th 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to William Mackie appointed 1 Lieut^t Joseph Hill 2^d Lieut^t and John Thomas, Ensign of Captⁿ Mackall's company of militia in Frederick County.