

and voted for Field Officers to be recommended, who were recommended according to the vote, James Wells col° David Moore L' Col° Ephraim Howard 1<sup>st</sup> Maj° Joseph Wells 2<sup>nd</sup> Maj° and Henry Stevenson Q' Master. this recommendation was forwarded to M<sup>r</sup> Sheredine in the time of the last Convention, but he says on receiving a letter from Capt. Moore, who was present and did not vote, suggesting the election was not fair, he did not get any order for the commissions. I see neither set of Field officers will intirely please the Battalion and yet if Field officers are not appointed to that Batt. I fear little, may be expected from it. I wish therefore commissions were immediately sent up. W<sup>m</sup> Winchester is first & Upton Sheredine 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut of David Moore's Compy, Charles Stevenson is first Lieutenant of Henry Stevenson's company, Dav. Steiner is an infirm man and tho' enrolled never musters, so that there can be no use in appointing him a field off<sup>r</sup>. I am told Field officers were some time ago recommended for the upper Batt. of all, Lemuel Barrett Col° the rest I either did not hear, or have forgot, but I understand the commissions have not come up, if the recommendation is before you and not very exceptionable I would wish the commissions were sent up, what few people may on any occasion be got from that quarter will tell for at least so many.

23<sup>d</sup> I have had no Oppt<sup>y</sup> of sending the above away. This afternoon the Comm<sup>ee</sup> received money from the Congress. None have yet marched but are very busy in preparing. If you can possibly supply shoes, stockings, Tents, or Blankets especially the last it may save a good many poor fellows, if you can spare any do hurry them to this place or Taney Town and advise us of it. I took the freedom to mention my sentiment that if Gen<sup>l</sup> Beall's comm<sup>n</sup> had not expired it would not do to give him the command of the militia: The prejudice is so strong against him that many of the officers say they will not go under him, as I hear this sentim<sup>t</sup> is so general I think it my duty to mention it to you, I wish to be ascertained whether I am to go or not. I am heartily willing to exert myself, in the military line, if you think it may possibly promote the service

I am Gent.

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Th. Johnson Jun<sup>r</sup>

Original.

[D. J. Adams to Council.]

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The Honble Council of Safety

Gent. I apply'd to the Commissinors for a Commission in one of the Battalions to be raised for this State, but after they