

Camp to go again. Nicho. White was Ensign. Col^o Beatty tells me the Company are desirous he sh^d be a Captain, and that he thinks him a proper man, I should therefore be glad you'd send him a commission. We have a very deep snow. Upwards of 300 of Colo. Beatty's Batt. begin their march in the morning. I wish they were better provided. I am very desirous of hearing from your Board. and am Gent.

Your most obed^t Serv^t

Th. Johnson Jun^r

Original.

[Murdock to Council.]

Montgomery County Dec^r 28th 1776.

May it Please your Honors.

In consequence of a letter I received lately from Brigadier General Johnson directing me to call together the Battalion of Militia under my command, to take an account of their arms &c., to prepare them for an immediate march and to hold themselves in readiness for further orders; I have to acquaint you that all this has been done agreeable to the said Instructions.

I have also in Committee for this County, seen two Requisitions of Congress to the same purport, directed to the Committee of Frederick County, whereupon this Committee has recommended it to the Militia to put themselves in readiness to march to reinforce General Washington, and have requested the Colonels to call them together for that purpose: all this has likewise been done; and I have now to inform you that not more than eighty eight men of this Battalion are willing to march, in which number is inclosed the greatest part of the officers belonging to the different companies.

From the disposition of many of the People, I am urged to request you will inform me of the Destination of these troops, of the time they are to continue in actual service, and whether your orders in particular are not immediately necessary towards forwarding this Expedition:—which when received, shall be punctually complied with, by Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

John Murdock.

Original.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore December 28th 1776.

Sirs.

I have bought the Brig agreeable to your orders at a very great 'prise the people all seem'd determined to have her she cost 2550 Pounds. I sopose she is a fine see vesell but she is