

c. s. c. You will find by a copy of our proceedings inclosed, the mode we have adopted for forming the whole into one Battalion which we hope will be pleasing.

We are Gentlemen, your most obedient Humb. Servts.  
(per order) Jas. Calhoun, chairman.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council of Safety at Annapolis

In Committee Baltimore 31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1777.

A letter from the Council of Safety was laid before the Committee, containing a requisition for marching the militia of this County to reinforce Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington. The Committee are of opinion that the one third part of the whole militia be requested to march, that every Battalion in the county meet on some day before the eighth of January and determine by ballot the names of those who are to march. That the name of every man in the Company be put in whether present or not, and on whomsoever the lott may fall he shall march, that when all have drawn, and it is determined who are to go, the number of each Battalion to form themselves into full companies and chuse the officers out of the Battalion. And when the whole are formed into companies, then the officers composing the whole to chuse out of the Field officers already appointed in the county, a colonel, a Lieut. Colonel, two majors and a Quarter master for said Battalion.

(Extracts from the minutes) Jas. Calhoun, chr<sup>m</sup>

c. s. J.

Saturday, February 1, 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to Benjamin Griffith appointed first Lieutenant, David Stewart, second Lieutenant, and John Mer-ryman Ensign of Captain John Smith's Company of Militia in Baltimore County.

To John Martindear appointed Captain  
Abraham Miller, first Lieutenant  
Christian Lafever, second Lieutenant  
Henry Woolhile Ensign

To Ignatius Elder, second L<sup>t</sup>

Francis Elder Ensign, of Companies in Col. James Johnson's Battalion of militia.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to M<sup>rs</sup> Priscilla Pinkney fifty three Pounds eleven Shillings

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Frazier thirty nine Pounds seven Shillings.