

those of this Brigade. Your silence on that head compels me to repeat my request that you will send me something decisive on that point. I hear from Col<sup>o</sup> Beatty as far as New York that Washington Militia turn out well. J. Johnson's and Bruce's Battalions do us honor. B. Johnsons not so much, a good many in it are backward, though every thing will be done that industry can effect. from what I hear the Montgomery Militia muster very thin. I this evening received Col<sup>o</sup> Sheredine's and Major's Howard's resignations, and believe Major Moor will not act. several of commissions for the commissioned officers are wrong. it is really difficult to put things on a footing at such times that will please generally. I have appointed the Battalion to meet next Tuesday, and shall attend it in my way to Philadelphia. By this means only I expect to be able to send you a list of such as will do. I inclose a letter from Col<sup>o</sup> Bruce by bearer to forward the commissions to Philadelphia. I think it my duty to mention to you one Robert Bruce who was in the Clerk's office of Charles County. He went a rifleman in Price's company. He now goes out in the Militia. He is very active in spurring up and I believe very spirited. I think he merits and I wish he had an Ensign's Commission. The companies I believe have recommended his brother, who I understand deserves well. Would it not be well that a few recruiting officers were ordered to attend us. I suspect if they do not, I shall have broils about our Militia enlisting as the quota of our neighbours which I must oppose. Frederick Ridgely goes surgeon to Baker Johnson's Battalion, if you approve, he is a fine young fellow, will you by bearer send him a commission. Doct. Adam Fisher to C. Beatty.

I am Gent. your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Thomas Johnson Jun<sup>r</sup>

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

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Sirs.

The Bearer Capt Jean Antoine Conture is bound for see. I have got a permit for him to proseed to Anopolis. Pleas act with him as is right. the man has behaved very well here. I have loded his Slupe with flour and aplied to M<sup>r</sup> Coolhoon for his nesery papers, hee choos to refer them to you. Wee are going on with the Brig as fast as posible loden when shee