

[Norman Bruce to Gen. Johnson.]

C. S. C.

Sir.

January 9th 1777.

I am favoured with yours along with the Commissions. Doct. Buchanan, when I told him you had sent for his Commission, asked me what his pay would be. I answered him, that I did not remember exactly, but believed it to be about 30 or 33 dollars a month. He said that he could not and would not go under fifteen pounds, I told him it would have been proper in him to have known the pay before he asked for the birth, for that it was not in my power to make it better. After this I was applied to by M^r Thomas Charleton who is desirous of going out as surgeon. I informed him how we are circumstanced with Buchanan and therefore refer him to you. Buchanan seemed resolved when I parted from him not go unless the pay is fifteen pounds, nor would I wish to force him if we can get another. M^r Charleton's abilities I know nothing of, but they must be poor if they are not equal to Doct. Buchanan. You will be so good as to order in this matter, what you think best and oblige, Sir

Your very obedient Servant,
Norm. Bruce.

To Brig^r Gen^l Thos. Johnson.

Friday, January 10, 1777.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to
Patrick Watson appointed Captain
Abraham White, first Lieut.
Jacob Fletcher Sec. Lieut. and
Michael Null, Ensign of a Company of
Militia in Col. Beatty's Battalion.

To Nicholas White appointed Captain in said Battalion.

To Adam Fischer appointed Surgeon to said Battalion.

And to Frederick Ridgely appointed Surgeon to Col. Baker Johnson's Battalion.

Copy of Letter N^o 99 was sent to Brigadier General Johnson, and Copy of N^o 100 to Samuel Chase Esquire.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Gen. Johnson.]

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No. 99.

Jan^y 10, 1777

Sir. The honorable Congress have not thought proper to communicate their intention of ordering out the Militia of this State to our Board in any other manner than verbally by Col^o