

c. s. c. Molly. If we did, an Express ought in my opinion to be immediately sent, otherwise we may lose him. I was unwell last night with a pain in my shoulder w^{ch} prevented me of Rest; and as it is Cold, I do not care to venture out. With my Compliments to our Brethren, I am your affect^d Serv^t
Dan of S^t Tho Jenifer

Jany 11th 1777

The Express may call at Stepney with the News from the North^d. In filling up Commissions would it not be well to pay some attention to the Governor of Martinique's friend who is a Cadet in Twilfords Comp^y & give him a pair of Colours. You may observe that although I am not with you yet I am thinking of your business.

For Col. Hall or any other Member of the Coun^l Safety.

[John Stull to Council.]

Gentⁿ Washington County January 11th 1777.

The militia of my Battalion have marched almost generally. Col^o Smith's Battalion are now ready, there are some of the former Commissioned officers who have gone in the German Battalion whose places are vacated in the Militia, others have been elected to serve in their room, viz. Capt. Peter Beall in the room of Capt. W^m Heyser, Jacob Ott, 1st Lieut. Michael Ott 2nd Lieut. and William Conrad, Ensign: likewise the following Gentlemen were advanced in Capt. Fackler's company, viz. Leonard Shryock to 2nd Lieut. in the room of Adam Smith and Michael Tomer, Ensign.

It is earnestly requested that Commissions may be made out for the foregoing Gentlemen, each respectively and sent by the Bearer Melcher Belsheever, who will meet the Battalion at Philadelphia. The men are spirited in the defence of Liberty, and hope no delay will be made in forwarding their Commissions, otherwise I doubt confusion may arise in their companies as they are agreeably elected, and have pledged my honour to be assistive in procuring their respective Commissions, and send an express for that purpose. I hope my request will be comply'd with, and am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t & Humb^l Serv^t

The Hon^{ble} Council of Safety
of M^d at Annapolis

John Stull.

[Chamberlaine to Council.]

Talbot County,

Gentlemen.

January 11th 1777.

The enclosed state of Col^o Smallwood's Battalion and the