

c. s. c. Camp, of equal degree. Therefore it would not only be a peice of injustice to the Flying Camp officers, who has suffered every fatigue and hardship of the campaign, to promote the regulars according to the first resolve of Convention, but it will also tend greatly to the hurt of the Service. This I speak with confidence, well knowing that the officers of the Flying Camp would quit the service sooner than submit to have their commissions taken from them, without committing any offence, it would be submitting to what never was done, or heard of in any Service whatever. Instance Majors Forrest, Tom Smith and Howard, who gave up their companys to other officers, on their being promoted to the rank of Majors. Would it not be very unjust to take those officers commissions from them and give them Capt^{ns} Commissions, and set them out recruiting at this advanced Season, when they might have had their Companys recruited by this time, and the choice of men which would have added honor and credit to them, had they been first appointed Captains. I will only beg leave to ask your Honours, whether you could have a good opinion of a man's honor and Spirit who would Submit to any thing so much below the character of our officer and Gentleman.

If Gen. Smallwood and Coll^o Price want us broke (for I must give it that appellation, if our commissions are taken from us) to do us justice (or me which they may particularly point at) let them keep a watchful eye over us, and when we are guilty of any action unbecoming and unworthy the service in which we are engaged, have us tryed by a Court Martial, broke and discharg'd from the Service, then they will have an opportunity of promoting their officers.

If the last Resolution of Convention is adopted through the whole arrangement of Regular and Flying camp officers, as they went out from this State to Camp, it will bear some degree of justice, but the Flying Camp officers would retain their commissions, many of them promoted to a higher rank and many of the Regular officers lose theirs, or not rank as high as they expect they do at present, which I imagine would disgust such regular officers, and cause them to lay down their commissions after being promoted, so that adopting either mode will have its bad effects. I observe on their Roster Coll^{os} Ware, Price and Guist ranks before any officer in the Flying Camp, and the other Regular officers rank as it was settled by Convention, if those officers ought to be first promoted, by the same rule every officer in the Regular Service ought to be raised according to their rank, by the first Resolution of Convention, Gen^l Smallwood ask'd me in the Council Room if I did not think it unjust, I should command Captains of the Regular Service. If there is any injustice in