

- c. c. Troops nor can enough be got for them. We are desirous of treating all equally and shall direct the Leather Breeches to be delivered to the Sergeants, as far as they will go, and request they may be left for M^r Calhoun to send with what other Cloaths he has ready. A Boat will call at Baltimore in its way to the Head of the Bay in a Day or two, which will be a good Conveyance for what Cloaths you have for your Regiment. Besides the Order of the Assembly that the Commissions given out by the Governor and Council should be dated in April, your Brother's Appointment, from any Thing we can find was so late as 20th February, we therefore cannot fill up the Commission as you desire. The Reason, we imagine, why M^r Reiley's Commission bears date the 10th Dec^r is, that he was then, or a few Days before, appointed and Commissioned by the Commissioners M^r I. Smith being a first Lieutenant in the Matrosses may be of Weight in settling his Rank and as he has given up his Commission, we inclose you a Certificate of his appointment
- We are Sir, &c.
Col^o Sam^l Smith

Original.

[Gates to Johnson.]

War Office 11th Feb^{ry} 1778

Sir.

The inclosed Letter from, Col^o Charles Beatty, Lieutenant of The County of Frederick, will convince Your Excellency of the Necessity of immediately Ordering a proper Detachment from the Militia, to Guard the Prisoners of War now in Frederick Town. By a Resolve of Congress of the 21st Ult^o all the prisoners of War are directed to be put into close confinement, until The Enemys Generals shall think proper to Abate of their inhuman Rigor, to our unfortunate Brethren in Their Hands. this being The case, I cannot see how the request of Col. Beatty, to let some of the Prisoners in Frederick Town go out to work with the Country Inhabitants, can be complied with. The Other part of The Colonels Letter requesting the appointment of an Assistant Q. M. at Frederick, shall without Delay be considered, & will probably meet with the Approbation of The Board.

I am

Sir

Your Excellencys
most Faithfull
Humble Servant
Horatio Gates

His Excellency }
Governor Johnson }