

you with the same Freedom, if your Conduct on all Occasions had not been such as I well approved of. I am very sorry Captain Browne should be still unable to persuade his Men to march to the Frontiers in Obedience to my Orders, and I am more concerned that he should have declined certifying to a Magistrate the Names of such as refused to march when he had my peremptory Orders to do so. I have not sealed the inclosed that you may see what Answer I have given to Captain Brown's last Letter, and I hope it will have its proper Weight, but if the Captain should for Fear of incurring the Censure of a few popular Men or to curry Favour with those that he has a Right and ought to command still decline to return to a Magistrate the Names of those Men that refuse to march, I must desire you to return them or to see that they are returned or certified by some other Field-Officer that the Law may have it's Effect. I need not point out to you the ill Consequences that would necessarily follow was I to countermand the Orders that have been given to Captain Browne, or was I to connive at his Company's Refusal to obey them; the only way to prevent them is to insist on Captain Brown's Compliance, and notwithstanding what has already happened I persuade myself that when you have talked with the Captain again, & delivered him my Letter he will shew a proper Spirit and act with the Resolution becoming a Gentleman in his Station. I am &c.

To Col: Richard Lloyd. H: S:

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Annapolis 25th January 1758:

Sir

I am sorry your Letter of the 18: Instant should have made it necessary for me to add any Thing to the Instructions I have already given, or to what I told you when you were lately at Annapolis but since your Men or most of them persist in their Refusal to march I hereby command and enjoyn you forthwith to certifie to the next Magistrate the Names of all those that refused to march unless they will now obey your Orders, and I do moreover command you to proceed without Delay to Fort Frederick with such of your Officers and Men as should be willing to march tho' they should be no more than ten or even a less Number you will not I hope regard the idle and false Reports of some discontented, disaffected, or dastardly People or make them an Excuse from pursuing the Orders given you by your Commanding Officer: if the People (have as 'tis said) been made to believe that if you decline sending to a Magistrate the Names of those that refuse to march they will from that Circumstance escape with Impunity they will find themselves

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