

proper to have those vacancies filled by us, you'll please Instruct the Board of War to Issue Commissions Accordingly, if not be pleased to signifie the same by the next post, Col^o Pickering informed me he wrote you some time since and inclosed you a short list of Officers who were to succeed to the above vacancies but had not received any answer.

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No. 27

The delays that have happened in arranging the officers in our Line has subjected us to many inconveniences we always imagined that the Governor of our State had given general instructions to the Board War to fill all vacancies by Officers already in Commission. and next in succession to the one out of the service. I am persuaded you'll agree that all vacancies ought to be filled as soon as they happen, and that an Officer in the army views the immediate Succession as his Right of inheritance and every hour he is deprived of his rank does him a Manifest Injury, we certainly are intitled to all the honours that derive from the commission, we hold, or have a right to hold, however long we may be deprived, of the Enjoyment of them, that alone is the only compensation we at present are possessed of, and all the object we have in view and the smaest dimunition wounds us in the most tender part. You no doubt will acknowledge that your officers have suffered in their rank before the Settlement of the same last Spring, during two years service they were under the disagreeable necessity of being subjected to the command of Junior Officers in other lines who were fortunate enough to have their rank settled we flattered ourselves that Dificulty would be removed, and still trust that youll do us all the Justice the case requires as I can assure you this and other unavoidable causes render the Service Exceedingly irksome, and has been the cause of many valuable Officers leaving the service, who otherwise woud have been willing to have struggled under the numberless inconveniencies and disadvantages, that the times and their situation consequently involved them in

Your answer by the next post will much oblige Sir Your Mo.
Ob. Ser^t

[Jno Weston, Kingsbury Furnace to His Excellency
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February 2

Sir About the first of Novem^r I ingaged M^r William Spear of Baltimore Town to Purchase a Quantity of Corn for the Kingsbury and Lancashire Works he had Procur'd about 800 Bushells of the Q^t agreed for which I hawld home all Except about 300 Bushells which the Commissioner has seized and detains tell I Can Get your Excellencys order to them to Release it as they are doubtful whether they Can Release it Consistant with the Commission they act under or not I beg leave. to assure you the Corn was bo^t for the use of the works and that we are in Great Distress for want of it there is not