

3^d Maryland Regiment. He also writes " I have enclosed you a List of such Sergeants and others of the first Brigade, who have been recommended for Commissions, by their Field Officers and Captains. I believe their Services and Merit entitle them to such Reward, where it can be granted consistent with the Views of the State. Perhaps it might be well to avoid fixing their relative Rank, as that might be determined by a Board of the Field Officers, agreeable to their Merit and Pretensions " Here follows the List William Noyes Serg^t Major, Francis Shepherd, Mark M^cPherson, Richard Coe, of the first: John Trueman, Henry Clements, Robert Halkerston, Walter Dyer, of the 3rd William Reason, John Cheers of the 5th David Green, Serg^t Major, Robert Green, Thomas Jenkins, Benjamin Fickle, Robert Yeates of the 7th James Thompson and William Smoot of the first and John Smith of the 3^d Regiment. We appoint them to Ensigncies in the first Brigade and desire Commissions may issue, leaving the Rank to be settled hereafter. He also writes " I must beg Leave to recommend Theophilus Tabbs, a Brother of Surgeon Tabbs of the 7th Maryland Regiment, lately resigned, he is descended of a good Family and tis probable he will make a good Officer. He is a Stranger to me, & I have no particular Recommendation of him; his Brother has applied on his Behalf " We appoint him an Ensign in the first Brigade and desire a Commission may issue to him. Col^o Josias Carvil Hall writes " I have no Sergeant, at this Time to recommend, except the one I had the Honor to propose, by my Letter of Iuly last; as I have not heard whether or not he was approved of, I beg to mention Sergeant Jacob Rittenhouse Shoemaker again We cannot find any such Letter, nor do we remember receiving one from him, recommending the Sergeant. We approve of and appoint him an Ensign in the second Maryland Brigade and desire a Commission may issue. We ratify and confirm the Promotions of Lieu^t Col^{os} Adams and Woolford, Lieu^t Col^o Adams to the first and Lieu^t Col^o Woolford to the fifth Regim^t Lieu^t Col^o Thomas Woolford writes I cannot, without Injustice to Sergeants Lowe, Mason, Sears and Crawford, who have served under me in the second Maryland Regiment for these three Years past, during which Time their Merit and Services entitle them to every Mark of Gratitude and Favor from their Country which possibly can be shewn them. As there are Vacancies in the Regiment, will be happy in having them commissioned as Ensigns. I can assure your Excellency that I would by no means recommend them, had I not been an Eye witness of their Behaviour and past Services." We approve of the Preferments and desire Commissions may issue to John Tolson Lowe, Caleb Mason, John Sears and Jacob Crawford as Ensigns in the second Regiment of Maryland Troops, leaving the Rank to be settled hereafter as before mentioned.

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