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LETTERS TO THE COUNCIL.

*July 1–December 31, 1780.*

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[Thomas Sim Lee, Governor; John Hoskins Stone, Jeremiah Townley Chase, James Brice, Daniel Carroll and John Brice, Councillors. On Nov. 13th and 14th, 1780, the Governor and Council were re-elected with the exception that Samuel Turbutt Wright was elected in place of John Brice.]

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[Richard Haff to Gov. Lee]

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Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sr As I am Informed that there is a Capt appointed and Men for the use of Magazine Guard, to Relieve me and the Men. The men Daily wanting to Leave me, as they think the wages is not Sufficient @ £40 p<sup>r</sup> Month and Col<sup>o</sup> Price Raising the Wheat @ 60 Dollars p<sup>r</sup> Bushell and Flour @ £75 p<sup>r</sup> Ct and the Men being Poor and having all Familes to support them of their Wages. So your hon<sup>r</sup> will take it in Consideration on Raising there pay. the men are all willing to stay with me. if your hon<sup>r</sup> Pleases to appoint me as Capt<sup>n</sup> for that Purpose. I would act as such, or Otherwise I Intend if your hon<sup>r</sup> Pleases I would Act as waggon Master in this Reg<sup>t</sup> and go to Camp So your Hon<sup>r</sup> Pleases to Direct me how I am to Proceed.

[John Reid, Capt., Fort Frederick, to Gov. Lee.]

July 1

Sir Since I have had the Honor to receive an Appointment from Your Excellency to the Command of a Comp<sup>y</sup> of Infantry to be raised to serve within this State.

I have the Satisfaction to Inform Your Excellency that I have used my utmost exertions to raise men for the purpose but have not as yet met with that success which I promised to myself, owing in my opinion to the small Bounty & the want of Music, to enable me to form a Recruiting Party which I have not been able to procure

I have Inlisted sixteen men who are now Acting at this Garrison as a Guard over the British Pris<sup>rs</sup> of war & hope in a Short time to be on a more respectable footing.