

then he is I am In hopes Captain Martain will be over to go In her as December 23
he is the Best Pilot In the Bay

[Henry Hollingsworth and Gabriel Peterson Vanhorn To his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee and the Honourable Council.] December 23

The Memorial of Henry Hollingsworth and Gabriel Peterson Vanhorn humbly sheweth.

That your Memorialists appointed by your Excellency And Honours in the month of June 1780 to Employ Express riders With good & sufficient horses for the speedy Conveyance of Dispatches from Harford Town to Philadelphia.

Strict Attention has been paid to the Requisition Horses were Immediately Provided, and Riders furnished with Every necessary so that this part of the Line has been able fully to Comply with every Duty Required

Your Memorialists therefore Beg leave to observe that the Every Exertion has been made on their Part to Compleat with Effect the Above Line (of Express) there Appears not Least Provision Made for the Support of that necessary Department. They Entreat Your Excellency & Honours Indulgence on this Subject, as A Variety of Causes, Renders the Business Expensive at Present, & The Season so far advanced, that they Expect an Additional Expence Exacted from them by the Proprietors of the Different Ferries. this With the Probable Misfortunes attending those places in winter Season Render it necessary in the Opinion of Your Memorialists that a Pirmanent & fixed Price should be spedily Ascertained, Enabling your Memorialists Properly to State their Amounts & Prepare them for Settlement. No Doubts Arise but there will be allowed A Generous & satisfactory Compensation for the Service. But they beg for an Imediate Decision thereof.

[Adamson Tannehill, Captain Command'g Md. Corps, Fort Pitt, December 25
to Gen'l Smallwood.]

Sir From the late Resolve of Congress for new modeling the Army I find that all the seperate light Corps (except those particularly mentioned) are to be reduc'd the first day of January next; The Officers to retire on half Pay, and the non Commiss^d Officers and Soldiers to be annexed to the Regiments of the States they respectively belong.

I have the Honor of Commanding the Corps formerly Commanded by L^t Col^o Moses Rawlings, which is Stationed at this place, and as it has been so unfortunate and unjustly dealt by, as not to be annexed to the Line of the State of Maryland, It is now look'd upon as a seperate Light Corps belonging to that State and of Consequence reduced the 1st day of January. I have but one Officer with