

June 7 I had on hand of the Publics if it should be settled in my favor I hope your Honorable Board will do me the favor to give an order on the Collector of the Tax for the Ball^{ce} due at my last Settlement and the Amount due on the enclosed Returns the whole, Twenty six Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty five Pounds of Tob^o M^r Mills the barer brings the Account as Settled by the Auditor General My Account of charges, and coopers wages will amount to About five thousand Pounds of Tobacco More I should be Glad if that could be included.

The Collector has not discharged the Order on him for the Bacon I purchased in money I have Given orders on him and it has been settled in the way of Assis^t

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[Colo. Benj. Nicholson, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee.]

Inclosed is a roll of a Troop of Horse w^{ch} I have embodied in the Forest. They have agreed to equip themselves, but the scarcity of cash will prevent their compleating it quickly indeed some of them are scarcely able. The Holsters Caps and sword belts I believe are ready. Pistols are to be had in this Place but I know not where to get swords unless we get them made, w^{ch} was the intention of the Troops. If the State could furnish pistols & Swords the Troop might be greatly enlarged and would be in immediate readiness. It was at the solicitation of the youth in my Neighborhood that I undertook the embodying and com^d of the Troop. It is my wish to detain my rank as L^t Col^o If your Ex^{lv} can consistantly encorporate Horse enough to give me that Com^d If not tis the desire of the Troop to be annexed to the Bat^{lm} to w^{ch} I belong & should it be enabled to go on duty wou'd wish to go wth them. If this should be improper—I can't be worse than my word & must resign my rank & take the com^d as Captain of the Troop I will use my endeavour to get them equiped as soon as posible & I flatter myself when so will be useful—You'l find among our number some Veteran Officers, who have left the Continental Service & whilst in served wth reputation

NB Since the writing the above Col^o Smyth informs me he has orders to equip us

Benjamin Nicholson, Charles Carnan, Tho^s Cromwell, Rob^t Lyon, Stephen Shelmerdine, John Colegate, John Cockey, Rob^t Carnan, Joshua Gist, Tho^s Nicholson, Benj^a Todd, Rich^d Colegate, Bazil Tracey, Walter Bosley, Rich^d Britton, Edw^d Ford, John Dodd, Roger Boyce, Thos. Ristean, John Summers, John Gist, Joshua Cockey, Benja Bond, Christian Gore, Ja^s Howard, Fred^k Counselman, Jn^o Worthington, James Trapnell, Joseph Butler, Ephr^m Owings, Rich^d Johns, Tho^s Cradock, John Bryson.