

your forwarding those sick by Watter before the bad season for Navigation in the Bay comes on, of which however You are the best judge

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I have learnt with some concern, that an attempt has been made by Cap^t John Carlile (late of the Regiment I have the honor to Command) to receive the loan certificates of the State of Maryland for the depreciation of wages due to the non commissiond officers and Men serving in the Regiment, and considered as a part of the states Quota. I am in possession of a Return made by Capt. Carlile of those non Commissnd off^{rs} and Soldiers, under which he has certified that they have not received more Clothing than their allowance by Congress during their time of service, which supposing it to be true, was impossible for him to know, it being not only out of the line of his Duty, but he was a prisoner with the Enemy near two years of that time.

It is also reported to me that, a considerable number of those men have actually sold their right to those Certifcates for a mear trifle not exceeding five Eight or ten Dollars each, and that Capt. John Carlile has guaranteed the bargain and delivery of the certificates. These are facts which I think it my Duty to make your Excelency acquainted with.

What I could wish as well for the benefit of those deserving men, the credit of the State and honor of Our Service that those certificates might remain for the present, in the hands of the Treasurer of the State that the Interest might be punctually paid to the Soldiers and that such abominable Traffic might be discouraged

[M[ountjoy] Bayly, Fred^k, to Gov. Lee.]

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I have the honor of Transmitting to your Excellency the proceedings of a Gen^l Court martial held at Fred^k Town where of Ensign Karr of Capt Wincesters Comp^y of Select Militia was Tryed and broke for unOfficer like behaviour while on his Command—I flatter myself the Proceedings of the Court will meet with Counsels Approbation—I am sorry to inform your Hon^{ble} Counsel that it is with the greatest difficulty I can supply the Prisoners which are Quartered at this post with Wood I have done it heretofore by Fatigue parties from the Militia Guards—but that mode I find I can no longer persue—the Guards refuse to Cut Wood—they say they are Soldiers And not Wood Cutters—the officers who Comm^d the Militia in this County has not the least Idea of discipline or indeed even distinction. I have had it in my power to do the State an infinite service in the Course of this Tour. I could have Broke several very bad officers but Col Thomas is too Tender of his officers—who prevented me from Breaking several.