

particular case:

Whereas the said Philip Edwards, being an officer in the Navy of the United States, is liable, from the military arrangements, to be called out of this state, which justifies a distinction of his case from others.⁶²

Philip Edwards, Lieutenant of Marines.-The first officer known to have been commissioned by President Adams in the United States Marine Corps, then being organized, was Philip Edwards, of Maryland, lieutenant, to serve on board the United States frigate Constellation,⁶³ which had been launched in Baltimore in September, 1797. Military command was not entirely a new duty for the former editor. At an election of officers for the First Baltimore Battalion of the Maryland Militia held May 5, 1794, Philip Edwards was elected Second Lieutenant of Light Infantry, serving under William Lowry, captain-commandant, and William Robb, captain.⁶⁴ After this date, notices for meetings and reviews of the Sans Culottes company frequently appeared in the Baltimore newspapers, signed by Edwards. He was also a member of the Baltimore Marine Society.⁶⁵

After his service on the Constellation, Edwards

62 Maryland. Laws, statutes, etc. Laws of Maryland, 1797, Chapter XXXI.

63 Metcalf, C. H. A history of the United States Marine corps. p. 30.

64 Baltimore daily intelligencer. May 7, 1794.

65 Federal gazette. December 3, 1796.