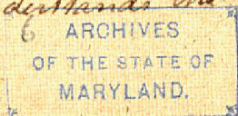


Gentlemen

Baltimore Town 1st May 1776

M^r Campbell - by this Conveyance resigns his Commission of first Lieut. in my Company. in Order to be of more Essential Service to his Country by distressing the Trade of our Enemies in a Privateer fitted out by Gentlemen of this Town. If it does not interfere too much with a Plan you may have laid down for Promotions in the Regular Service, I shall be exceeding happy to have my second Lieut. appointed to the Vacancy, he is very Capable & more acquainted with the Men their Dispositions & of consequence can be of more Use in the Company than a Lieut. Should you have determin'd to raise the Officers according to their Seniority, I doubt not you have heard of M^r Hild's Character (who is eldest Sr^t Lieut.) & I rest satisfied you will not promote any Person who is not equal to it. Should you ~~to~~ not have promis'd the Consignee that will be vacant, I shall be happy to have my Brother James in the Service, he has been in the Independent Comp^y of this Town ever since its formation & understands the Duty as well as most of the young Officers. I am



Gentlemen

Your Oblig'd of M^r Obed^t Serv^t

Sam Smith