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Therefore Mess^{rs} William Winder jun^r Ephraim Stevens and Lem Woolford
of Somerset County or any or either of them is hereby appointed to purchase and collect
the Cattle in the said County which are fit for Slaughter for the use of the said Army
and he is to procure the same on Contract if the Proprietors will sell them for a just price
But if the Proprietors of such Cattle along the Sound and on the Water sides from
whence they may readily be taken by our Enemies on board the Men of War refuse to dispose
of the same then the said William Winder Jun^r Ephraim Stevens and Lem Woolford
or any or either of them is empowered and required to Seize such Cattle for the use and
Substance of the Army as aforesaid leaving if necessary sufficient for the Subsistence of the
Owner and his Family and paying the value of the Cattle so seized at the rate as near
as can be estimated of one Shilling per pound for the neat Beef of good fatted Cattle
and nine pence per pound for inferior and adding one fourth part of the Sum for the Sells
Quarter - And the said William Winder Jun^r Ephraim Stevens and Lem Woolford as
soon as convenient are to have the weight of the Cattle so seized estimated by an
honest man or two who are good Judges thereof if the Proprietor of the Cattle and the person seizing
the same shall disagree therein and the said William Winder Jun^r Ephraim Stevens and Lem
Woolford are also desired to send all Cattle by them collected as soon as may be to the
Camp under twenty Troves to the Commissary of purchases together with an Account of
the Cost of the Cattle and to send a Copy of the said Account to the Board

Commissions issued to William Venables appointed Ensign to Capt Robert
Dashells Company also to John Phillips first Lieut, Edward Kellam second Lieut of
Capt William Turpins Company to John Evans second Lieut of Capt John Sparrow
Company to Lem Handy Ensign of Capt Henry Gales Company belonging to the
Salisbury Battalion of Militia and also to John Irving first Lieut James Curtis
second Lieut Nehemiah King Ensign of Capt William Waters's ^{of John} Company, to John
Flemming Ensign of Capt David Wilson's Company to James Elzey second Lieut in
the said Wilsons Company, to Samuel Dixon second Lieutenant of William Waters's
of Wm Compage to Thomas Williams Ensign of Capt John Williams's Company, belonging
to the Princes Arms Battalion of Militia in Somerset County

Thursday 8th January 1770

Present as only yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas
(Gomuch)