

of the first; John Freeman, Henry Clements, Robert Halberston, Walter [unclear], of
 the 3d, William Pearson, John Chere, of the 5th; David Green Sergt. Major, William
 No 63 Green, Thomas Jenkins, Benjamin Wickle, Robert Yeates, of the 4th; James
 Thompson and William Smoot of the first and John Smith of the 3d. Regt.
 We appoint them to Ensignies in the first Brigade and desire a Commission
 may issue, leaving the Rank to be filled hereafter. He also writes "I
 beg leave to recommend Theophilus Pabbs, a Brother of Surgeon Pabbs, of
 the 7th Maryland Regiment, lately resigned: he is descended of a good Family
 and 'tis probable he will make a good Officer. He is a Stranger to me, &
 I have no particular Recommendation of him; his Brother has applied
 on his Behalf" We appoint him an Ensign in the first Brigade, and
 desire a Commission may issue to him. Col. Josias Cavil Hall writes "I have
 no Sergeant, at this Time, to recommend, except the one I had the Honor to
 propose, by my Letter of July last; as I have not heard whether or not he was
 approved of, I beg to mention Sergeant Jacob Rittenhouse Shoemaker
 again" We cannot find any such Letter, nor do we remember receiving one
 from him, recommending the Sergeant. We approve of and appoint him an
 Ensign in the second Maryland Brigade and desire a Commission may issue
 We ratify and confirm the Promotions of Lieut. Col. Adams and Woolford,
 Lieut. Col. Adams to the first and Lieut. Col. Woolford to the fifth Regim.
 Lieut. Col. Thomas Woolford writes "I cannot, without Injustice to
 Sergeants Lawe, Mason, Sears and Crawford, who have served under me
 in the second Maryland Regiment for these three Years past, during
 which Time their Merit and Services entitle them to every Mark of
 Gratitude and Favor from their Country which possibly can be shown
 them. As there are Vacancies in the Regiment, will be happy in having
 them commissioned as Ensigns. I can assure your Excellency that I would
 by no Means recommend them, had I not been an Eye Witness of their Be-
 haviour and past Services" We approve of the Preferments and desire Commis-
 sions may issue to John Tolson Lawe, Jacob Mason, John Sears and Jacob
 Crawford as Ensigns in the second Regiment of Maryland Troops, leaving
 the Rank to be filled hereafter, as before mentioned.

Honble. The Board of War. We are &c.

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Sir. Your Letter of the 15th Inst. this Moment came to Hand. We find your Re-
 quested agreeably to your Request. As to the Price of the Corn on Board
 in Potowmack, the only Method of fixing the Price is to call in a third
 Person to estimate it in case of Disagreement between you and the
 others. Having the Interest of the Public in View, you doubtless will
 remove the Grain to the Main, in the way least dangerous and expen-
 sive. Remaining your Purchases and Seizures to Frederick Town may be
 attended with Inconveniencies we wish to avoid, therefore refer you
 to the Law under which you act and which must be the Rule of
 your Conduct.

Solomon Stimpson Esq.

We are &c.