

In Council, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1781.

Sir (We)

N<sup>o</sup> 116.

You are requested by the General Assembly to present to the Board over which you have the Honor to preside that Tho: Hufsey Lieut. first Lieutenant in the first Company, James Lingan second Lieutenant in the ninth Company, Roger Davis third Lieutenant in the second Company and Elizabeth Evans third Lieutenant in the first Company of Colonel Rawlings Regiment were made Prisoners of War at Fort Mifflin in November 1777 and that during their Captivity they were neglected in the general arrangement of the Officers of the Maryland Line which hath since taken place and have also lost their Advancement in said Regiment in consequence of which Officers of inferior Rank to them in the Line and in that Regiment have been preferred and now hold Commissions superior to theirs and to request that your Honorable Board would take such care therein that said Officers may be preferred to such Commissions as their preceding Rank will entitle them to and that no further Promotions in the Maryland Line be made without previously consulting the State. Mr. Roger Nelson who was wounded in the action of the 10<sup>th</sup> August last and made Prisoner, served as a Volunteer during the last Campaign under Colonel Williams in consequence of his Promise to recommend him to the Executive of Maryland for an Ensigns Commission. Colonel Williams has since wrote to us and says he is a Gentleman of Education and Merit and requests he may be appointed an Ensign in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment. After the new arrangement is made there will be several Vacancies in the Maryland Line for Ensigns, we therefore desire as no Inconvenience occurs to us which can possibly result from such Appointment that Mr. Nelson may be considered an Ensign from the first Day of June last and a Commission issue accordingly. We request your the favor of you to forward the Commissions requested by our Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> May last.

President of the Board of War