

Sir,

In Council, 12th May, 1781.

445. *Major Genl. Smallwood writes us this will be assigned by Capt. Arthur of the Fourth Maryland Regiment in which he acted as a Volunteer from the 17th June last under promise of a Commission, but has not obtained it owing to his having been engaged with the Southern Army. He claims his Rank from the above Date and has arranged for that Time upon the new Establishment we therefore hereby appoint the said James Arthur Ensign in the Fourth Maryland Regiment, and request a Commission may issue to him as such to bear Date on the 17th June, 1780.*

Honble Board of War.

Sir,

In Council, 12th May, 1781.

446. *We received your Favor of the 31st of April, and as the Assembly was then expected speedily to meet, we intended to consult them on the Subject of your Letters and delayed writing to you until we could give you a satisfactory Answer; this you may rely on shall be done; and as your Letter of the 10th Instant laid before the Assembly as soon as they meet which in all Probability will be in a few Days; in the mean Time we have directed the Collector in Baltimore Town to suspend the Collection of the Taxes from those who may be pointed out by you as coming within the Description of his most Christian Majesty's subjects entitled to such Indulgences until the General Assembly shall take Order therein.*
Chevalier D'Annois's French Consul.

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In Council, 12th May, 1781.

447. *We have received yours of the 10th Instant, to give you Directions in what Manner you are, or ought, to conduct yourself in such a such a Manner that requires serious Consideration; all that we can think of, till the General Assembly takes Direction therein, is to omit taking any public Money whatever, but at the usual Exchange in your County, and to keep an exact Account thereof as you receive it.*

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