

of the Individuals composing them, be as compact as possible, and that the officers should be distributively chosen so as to be resident in their respective districts, and as the returns above mentioned, are not calculated to secure the accomplishment of either of those objects, it follows that some other medium of instruction must be resorted to. To effect the necessary information, the Board have proceeded to appoint the field Officers in the several Counties, as far as their knowledge extends; and from these Officers they have been led to expect every exertion in their power to facilitate and lay the groundwork of the contemplated arrangement.

In Dorchester County however, we have found it impracticable to complete the appointments of even the Field Officers, having been able to appoint only one Lieutenant Colonel and one Major, whose names are subjoined and to whom we have applied for their assistance relative to what yet remains to be done. As we have concluded to appoint you a Brigadier General your assistance also is requested, in order to which it is the earnest desire of the Board that you should come to Annapolis with all convenient dispatch as the objects of their enquiries cannot be satisfactorily answered by written representations.

We are compelled to this application by the impossibility of otherwise carrying into Execution the views of the Legislature, and we have no doubt that so considering it, your aid will be readily afforded.

(Brigadier General)
John Eccleston

We are &c
Thos. S. Lee.

Letters to the same effect with the necessary variations sent to Lieutenant Colonel Steele and Comptrol of Dorchester County.

In Council Annapolis June 7th 1776

Sir

Since closing the letters notifying the appointments in your County; we have concluded to appoint you a Brigadier General; in consequence of which, Major Anderson will become a Lieutenant Colonel, and Thomas Plater Esquire is appointed a Major. you will please to communicate this change to the Field Officers.

We are &c

Brigadier General
Jeremiah Sparr.

Thos. S. Lee