

In Council Annapolis August 4. 1796

Gentlemen,

Captain Pollett of the 2^d Battalion of the 37th Regiment has laid before us some letters and certificates respecting the promotion of Captain Houston as Major in the room of James Handy Esquire, resigned, at which he appears to be dissatisfied, and he states that the grade of Captain Houston in the Battalion has been misrepresented to the Executive. In order to form a proper judgment on this subject, it is necessary that the facts should be clearly ascertained, where all parties may have an opportunity of being present. We therefore request that you will make full enquiry and transmit to us all the information that you can collect respecting the Rank of these Gentlemen, and the manner in which it has been settled, which may form a ground for our further interference if it should appear to be necessary.

Y^r Obedt^t Serv^t Jⁿ Levin Winder

We are &c

Gen Alexander Ross

J. H. Stone

In Council Annapolis August 19. 1796

Sir

We have received your letter of the 16th instant by Mr. White. he proposes to leave Town this afternoon, which will prevent our giving a full answer at this time to every part of it.

Mr. White informs us that the Magazine is too small to hold all the arms and confirms the accounts we have before received of its unfitness for the purpose. We therefore think it will be most advisable to continue the arms in the House now rented from Mr. Johnson, and not to place in the Magazine any articles but such as cannot be injured by the dampness of the walls. At the same time we wish the repairs to be continued and completed in compliance with the Resolution and we presume that the assembly will take some further order in the business. We hope the return from Mr. Engells will soon reach you, and when it does we must beg you to forward it as soon as possible.

We are &c

J. H. Stone

General Mountjoy Bayley
Frederick Town