

that formality.

in making militia appointments it would be improper for the Council who act under Constitutional Powers to lay down any general rule to regulate on all occasions, what species of information they would act on in filling up vacancies situated as we are remote from many parts of the State, it must necessarily be impossible for us to have a personal knowledge of the characters competent to fill the different stations under our military establishment.

Under such circumstances we must depend much upon the sources of information, and one which has always been much respected, is the recommendation of the Field Officers, as they are supposed to have the best knowledge of those who are destined to act under them. This course has been usually and almost invariably adopted.

In cases of vacancies in your Regiment we will at all times be happy in receiving your representations and also of the Field Officers as to the persons who are wished to be commissioned and always feel a satisfaction in being able to make such appointments as meet with general approbation

Colonel James T. Wright.

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Yrs. Henry

In Council July 25 1798

Gentlemen

We have taken into consideration your application for arms and with every disposition to comply with your request we have thought that we could not with propriety do so at present.