

who are affected thereby might have had the opinion of those of my brother officers  
the revolution who are in Baltimore and to whom they have daily access, and who  
have no doubt will accord with me in opinion that the rank of the Captain gives  
rank to the Company  
Colonel James Brays

I am with respect  
Levin Winder

Council Chamber Annapolis April 27

Sir

Enclosed I send you a copy of a letter this day addressed to Colonel Brays  
on the subject mentioned by you when I was in Baltimore. It is not to be expected  
it will give general satisfaction, but it is hoped those Gentlemen on reflection,  
having made no objection to the return of your Commission will ultimately  
see the propriety of your troop taking their station with you. I am &c  
Captain Henry Thompson

Levin Winder

in Council Annapolis April 27

Sir

Major Tenant of Baltimore was the sole owner of the Schooner Brutus, which  
has lately been captured by the Enemy. It is his wish to make an effort to ransom her,  
and with that view came to this place, and asked of us a flag to proceed to the  
British Admiral now off this harbour.

Under an impression that we have no authority to comply with this request,  
we have referred him to you, and would solicit the earliest attention to his  
application. An additional reason for granting the flag is that according to infor-  
mation received at Baltimore, a considerable slaughter took place on board of  
this Schooner, before her capture, and the friends of the persons on board, are  
in great distress, and anxious to learn their fate. If the application to ransom,  
should be unsuccessful, yet information of the safety of individuals which might  
thereby be obtained, would relieve the anxiety of a number of respectable citizens.

As repeated applications of this nature may be made to us, if any regulations upon  
this subject have been or shall be adopted, we would ask the favour of you to direct a  
communication of them to us, for our future Government. Major Tenant, is