

Council Chamber Annapolis May  
17<sup>th</sup> 1820

Dear Sir

you were appointed Captain on a recommendation made through the Adjutant General, dated 29. Oct 1818, and William Drury was appointed in consequence of a recommendation made direct to the Executive by Col Barr, dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of August 1818. Several months elapsed before the Executive would act on the Report of the Adjutant General, as sundry explanations were deemed necessary to be made by Colonel Barr. Generally speaking the Colonels are not particular enough in their communications, which gives me great trouble and renders delay unavoidable.

Yours &c

Ninian Pinkney

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