

the direction of that matter for his company and occasionally advise us of the progress that it may be properly defrayed

We have confidence in your recommendation of Mr James Geoghegan and therefore shall be obliged to him to supply the Company with provisions until the contractor to whose notice we will recommend him can do it.

To G Scott Esq.

And are &c

In Council of Safety

Annapolis 20 Feb 1776.

Sir

Upon inspecting the Return made by the Prince Georges County Committee of the Nottingham Company, we find that Mr Fielder Parrie hath been elected first Lieutenant, Mr William Newman Dorsett second Lieutenant and Mr Thomas Roye Ensign thereof.

In the line of preferment generally adopted in the Military Department, on the promotion of the Capt. the first Lieutenant succeeds him and the other commissioned officers in like manner, by which means the nomination of a new Ensign alone will become necessary.

The Council have thought it most expedient to follow this mode but look upon themselves at full liberty to deviate therefrom on special and good reasons. It does not appear to them from your letter or otherwise that the Gentlemen, the Company wish not to be promoted, have done any act to forfeit the good opinion of their Country or that they are in any manner disqualified.

We have sent Capt Parrie's Commission but keep back the Commissions for the other officers till we have your reasons or that of the Company for departing from the line of preferment.

And are &c

To Col Skene
Sir

From our opinion of your knowledge of cannon we have thought proper to appoint you to prove those to be supplied this Province by Messrs Saml & Daniel Hughes and request you will immediately repair for that purpose to their works at Anneton. We inclose an order on the Committee of Observation for the middle District of Frederick County for what powder may be wanting and will defray any expense you may necessarily incur in that service. The Commission for Mr Mosebach to be your 2^d Lieutenant you will please deliver him and give him proper instructions how to act with regard to the Company of Matthews during your absence.

And are &c

To Capt Tulfords
Gentlemen.

The repeated instances you have given of your readiness to cooperate with us in such measures as we have thought conducive to the interest and security of this Province under our present embarrassed circumstances have proved very acceptable and the information communicated by Mr Saml Parvianer &c by your order that you will assist in providing shott suitable for the Cannon for which we have the pleasure to hear you have engaged a number of workmen in making wheels and carriages a great satisfaction. Continuing in your zeal and diligence we request you will immediately employ some able and faithful persons in

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