

tal in disappointing your wishes on the occasion and desiring you would take the command or let some other person be appointed by Congress, which we think not impossible, as J. C. has already has wrote them on the subject, he was here and saw your former letter, and has requested Congress to send up money, - to tell you the truth we wish congress may appoint some other and that you should take your seat in that honorable body, where you may be of great service at present; however if they do not appoint a commander we leave it to your own Judgment and discretion to march or not as you may think best for the public service. Should any other commander be wanted we will send them up on being informed for whom: we here before laid the state of the militia particularly in your Brigade before convention for their orders: they never gave us any and when we know not to whom as a commander we are to look to.

We are Sir &c.

P. S. Captain Davidson and two of his Lieutenants being made field officers and Captain James Wells being also made a field officer we have not sent commanders for their Companies, but will send them hereafter, when you let us know whom you recommend whose Christian names are left blank in Mr. Brices Battalion be pleased to fill them up. We are Sir &c.
To General Johnson.

Dear

27th December 1776

Dear Sir, If our Council consents to the Congress having our Brigade I think it would be well to inform the Board of War that we have woollens in Statia which they must continue to get in for us by one of their armed vessels from Vanbibber & Harrison and if it is in our Power of Congress to give us a credit in Statia and Martinique for their amount of the Vessel and Cargo which would probably clear us of our engagements: and we would be greatly obliged by their doing of it. Were we to deny the congress this vessel I suppose we should be much blamed as her voyage is said to be our business of the most pressing nature. If I can I shall be in town to-day but this weather hurts me much. —

Pray what answer from weems and steward. We are Sir &c.
If the express of Sawlow is gone from Annapolis before this comes to hand I think you should hire and immediately to go to Baltimore and in your letter it would be well to insert the paragraph of Vanbibber and Harrison's Letter about their keeping our goods till the arrival of one of our armed vessels. We are, Sir, to
Sant of Thomas Tuniper Esquire one of the delegates in Congress now assembled. We are, Sir, &c.