

Nehemiah Birchhead of Sand. Basil ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much}
 West land Matthew Birchhead ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much}
 Hokenell ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} Wood
 Benjamin ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} Friends
 Abraham ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} & Turner
 Joseph Birchhead
 Augustus ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} Wood
 No. 2 Lane
 Saul Lewis
 John ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} Wood
 Richard Randall
 Daniel Deaules
 Samuel ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} & Stallings
 Sym ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} & Achris
 Saml ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} X & me
 Richard ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} Poines
 Abraham ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} & Langman
 Wm ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} Wood
 his Skinner
 Lewis Peters
 John Birchhead
 Francis Birchhead, Junior
 Morgan Jones
 Whith ^{his} ~~high~~ ^{much} ~~high~~ ^{much} Griffith
 William Fisher
 Robert Young
 And your humble petitioners will be in duty bound to pray
 Chas County Octob 9th 1776.

Sir: I am sorry to be under the necessity of informing you of the misbehavior of the 12th Battⁿ and hope you will lay the same before the Battle Convention. On the 23rd ult the said Battalion was ordered to attend at the usual place of meeting, and those that attended (tho' it was not a full meeting) were drawn up in a line to perform the manual, but immediately upon the adjutants giving the word of command a great number of the soldiers broke their ranks and collected together in a crowd; upon which I instantly went amongst them to inquire into the reason of such extraordinary behavior. Some of them objected to their being mustered by a Scotchman, but the great part declared that they would not be mustered by any adjutant at all, alleging that the Province was run to a very great expense by employing adjutants and they thought it the duty of the officers to muster the Battalion. I said every thing I could (and so did many other of the officers) to show them the absurdity of such conduct but to no purpose. I then ordered them to be dismissed until I should hear from Convention and hope it will not be long before some step is taken to reduce them to order.

I am with great esteem & regard

Sir Your most Obedt Servt

Joias Hankins

To the Honble Matthew Tilghman Esq

President of Convention.

To The Honorable The Council of Safety for the State of Maryland -

The petition of Solomon Lewis of Kent County in the Province aforesaid - That whereas this Council by an order from the Honorable The Congress are about appointing of officers for the eight battalions to be raised in this Province, Your petitioner would beg leave to represent that he has served in Capt Watkins company for three eight months past in the quality of Sergeant, he therefore prays your Honors to appoint him a Corporal in one of the Battalions now to be raised, and as in duty bound will pray.

Philada Octob 9th 1776.

Solomon Lewis.

Baltimore October 9th 1776.

Sirs - The barge Capt William Wath has come from New England to take charge of the schooner Dolly No 10 that was sunk at the alarm at Baltimore. There seems to be a anchor and cable missing. I have taken all the pains I am capable of to find them but cannot and Capt Nicholson has put a gallies in motion.