

Recommended according to the vote, James Wells Col^l. David Moore Lt Col^l. Eph-
-raim Howard 1st Major, Joseph Wells 2nd Major and Henry Stevenson Quar-
-ter Master, this Recommendation was forwarded to Mr. Thedaine in the time
of the last Convention, but he says on receiving a letter from Capt. Moore, who was
present and did not vote, suggesting the election was not fair, he did not get
any order for the Commissions. I see neither set of Field officers will entirely
please the Battalion and yet if Field officers are not appointed to that Batt.
I fear little, may be expected ^{from} it. I wish therefore Commissions were im-
-mediately sent me. Mr. Winchester is first Lieutenant of James Wells' Com-
-pany. Ephraim Howard is first and Wpton Thedaine 2nd Lieutenant
of David Moore's Company, Charles Stevenson is first Lieutenant of Henry
Stevenson's Company, David Steiner is an inferior man and though enrolled
never musters, so that there can be no use in appointing him a field of-
-ficer. I am told Field officers were some time ago recommended for the upper
Battalion of all, Lemuel Barnett Col^l the rest I either did not hear, or
have forgot but I understand the Commissions have not come up, if the Recom-
-mendation is before you and not very exceptionable I would wish the Com-
-missions were sent up, what few people may on any occasion be got from
that quarter will tell for so many at least.

I 3^d. I have had no opportunity of sending the above away; This
afternoon the Committee received money from the Congress. Some have yet
marched but are very busy in preparing. If you can possibly supply shoes,
stockings, tents or blankets especially the last it may save a good many
poor fellows if you can spare any do hurry them to this place or Taney
Town and advise us of it - I took the freedom to mention my sentiment
that if Genl. Beall's commission had not expired it would not do to give
him the Command of the Militia: The prejudice is so strong against him
that many of the officers say they will not go under him, as I hear this
sentiment so general I think it my duty to mention it to you. I wish
to be ascertained whether I am to go or not, I am heartily willing to ex-
-myself, in the military line, if you think it may possibly gain to the
service

I am Gent.

The Honble Council of Safety of
Maryland

Your most Obed^t. Serv^t.

Th. JOHNSON Junr.

Baltimore the 21st of December 1776.

To The Honorable the Council of Safety of Maryland.

Gentlemen - As I have not at present a first Lieutenant in my Company
I would in the warmest terms recommend Mr. John Mc Calce of Baltimore to be
by you appointed my first Lieutenant, as I know him to be an active good
officer and a man who has been exceedingly active in a military
Company in this Town, and likewise know he has a good deal of interest
to be enabled him to assist me in raising the Company, I therefore