

William Brophears. Capt. Charles Stevens, 1st Lieut. Regis
Brophears - 2nd Lieut. - Philip Turner Ensign - } These commis-
sions right except as above.

Basil Dorsey - Capt - Joseph Hobbs 1st Lieut. - resigned -
Nathan Maynard - 2nd Lieut. - Jacob Couce - Ensign -

Capt Hopple's company which was appointed by the Committee
as part of the Linsmore Battalion is gone, I understand, with Col
Bruce's Battalion -

Field Officers recommended by the officers as I mentioned in
former letter - viz -

James Wells, 1st Colonel. David Moore, Lieut Col, Eph
Howard, 1st Major - Joseph Wells 2nd Major - Henry Stephen-
son Dr Master -

By the Committee

Wpton Sherdine, Col. - David Shriver, Lieut Col -
David Moore, Eph. Howard - Majors - Charles Warfield Dr. M^r
Field Officers appointed -

Wpton Sherdine, Col^o refused - James Wells Lieut Col^o
- David Moore 1st Major - Eph Howard - 2nd Major, refuses -
Charles Warfield, Quarter Master; he says he'll act if agreeable to
the Battalion, if not will resign - I wanted him to say yes or
no in so many words, but could not get him to say so - He appears
to be a good man -

When I was amongst the people the other day, some Quakers from
Am² were there from whom I learnt that some people below were
buying up wheat at very high prices - They told me the conjecture was
it was done to convert the paper money for fear of its falling in the pur-
chaser's hands; it is obvious if provisions should be ingroped from such
a motive it will bring very great distress on us; there's no existing
power I believe to prevent it, but as an article of our Constitution pro-
vides against retrospective laws, I submit it whether if this practice is car-
rying on in any very great extent, it may not be proper to forewarn
people from pursuing it to lay a foundation in justice to the inter-
-position of the Legislature -

Gentlemen -

Baltimore 10th Jan^y 1777 -

I am now here settling my bill for public ser-
vices in the Virginia State with Congress, fully intended to have
waited on your Honours in hopes of getting credentials to the Com-
mittee of Safety at Philadelphia or Lancaster, in order to obtain
some of the prisoners, to work at my gun factory, if any workmen
should be among them that would suite for either finishing, or
lock making - Should your Honours think fitt to furnish me with
a request of this sort to either of the above Committees (or elsewhere

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