

on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> February. That Battalion being without any field officers recommend Mr Thomas Sim Lee as Colonel, Mr Luke Marbury Lieut Col, and Messrs Truman Skinner and William Dyles Junr majors. No time being mentioned either in Resolves of Congress or in your letter what space of time the said Militia are to continue, it would be necessary to acquaint us by the day the Battalion meets, as it may very much forward the Militia of this County engaging in the service. We likewise request the Commissions for the Field Officers being sent by the earliest opportunity. We are Gent,  
 The Honble Council of Safety } with request. Your most Obedt<sup>h</sup> Humble Servts  
 Annapolis } (By order) } Jos Beall, chairman,

Gentlemen -

Baltimore Town 9<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1777.

I sent you yesterday by Mr John Giffaway nineteen thousand dollars.

I must again press you to solicit a Representation for our State. The order of this day is to appoint a number of general Officers. are we interested in the choice of Generals? I shall endeavour to put off this Business for a few days. Three of the middle States New York, Delaware and Maryland unrepresented. North Carolina will be so in a day or two. Complaints are so loud in Congress on this Subject, that expresses are sent to New York and Delaware, and I expect our Assembly will be intreated to send their delegates. It is not only necessary to be represented but be assured the business, the Interest of these States require a full Representation. We have not 30 members in Congress, and it is not only improper but impossible, for so small a number to conduct so very important business. Be pleased to communicate these my sentiments to our General Assembly. We hourly expect to hear of some important news from Camp. I am quite with regard & Respect.  
 The Honble Council of Safety, of M<sup>d</sup> Annapolis — Saml Chase.

Gentlemen,

In Committee Baltimore 31<sup>st</sup> January 1777.

We received your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst. and in consequence called a general meeting of our Committee to consider on the expediency of the march of the Militia. There is now four Battalions formed, one other we request you to send Commissions for immediately and is composed of the following Companies.

Gist Vaughan, Capt.	} 49 Privates.
Thos' Moe 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.	
Nicholas Merryman Junr 2 <sup>nd</sup> Do	
Humphrey Chibcoat Ensign	
Alexes Lemmon, Capt.	} 37 Privates.
Henry Warham 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.	
Thos' Hambury Junr 2 <sup>nd</sup> Do	
Peter Nace Ensign	

Robert Lemmon, Capt.	} 40 Privates.
Mordecai Cole 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.	
Peter Snop 2 <sup>nd</sup> Do	
Saml. Adams Ensign	
Thos' Gist, Junr, Capt.	} 44 Privates.
John Murry 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.	
Christ <sup>r</sup> . Vaughan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Do	
Joshua Gist, Ensign.	

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