

John Hall, Capt.	} 18 Private	John Shovers	} This company took away the Enrollment and has not rec <sup>d</sup> it again. The depts know the other officers
Thomas Marshall 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.			
Philip Hilbr 2 <sup>nd</sup> Do.			
William Davis Ensign.			

We understand these companies recommend Thomas Gist Jun<sup>r</sup>. for their  
Col. - Frederick Decker Lieut. Col. Joshua Gist 1<sup>st</sup> Major. Gist Vaughan 2<sup>nd</sup> Major  
and John Hall son of Joshua, Quarter Master - No commissions have been sent for the  
following officers.

Nathaniel Brittain 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.	} in Capt. Jas. Cooley's company -
Benjamin Talbot 2 <sup>nd</sup> Do	
Nicholas Heile son of Geo. Ensign	

William Wilkinson, Capt. - Subit Sellers 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. - Nicholas Rowwood 2<sup>nd</sup> Do -  
and Philip Woolrich, Ensign -

We find on looking over the different Battalions that they composed about 2100  
men at their return, but from the great numbers already enlisted in the land and  
sea service we imagine they do not amount to more than 1500. Under the  
present circumstances we do not think it expedient or prudent that more than  
one third should march as we have certain intelligence that three or four men of  
war are now in the Bay, and as high up as Gwynn's Island, and the great num-  
ber of Tories among us and the necessary guards now wanting here.

You will find by a copy of our proceedings enclosed, the mode we  
have adopted for forming the whole into one Battalion which we hope will  
be pleasing. We are gentlemen, your most obedient humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.  
The Honble. Council of Safety at Annapolis, (per order) Jas. Calhoun, Chairman.

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

A letter from the Council of Safety was laid before the Committee,  
containing a requisition for marching the militia of this County to reinforce  
Genl. Washington. The Committee are of opinion that the one third part of the  
whole militia be requested to march, that every Battalion in the County meet on  
some day before the eighth of January and determine by ballot the names of those  
who are to march. That the name of every man in the Company be put in  
whether present or not, and on whomsoever the lot may fall he shall march, that  
when all have drawn, and it is determined who are to go, the number of each Bat-  
talion to form themselves into full companies and chuse the officers out of the  
Battalion. And when the whole are formed into companies, then the offi-  
cers composing the whole to chuse out of the field officers already appoin-  
ted in the County, a colonel, a Lieut. Colonel, two majors and a Quarter  
Master for said Battalion.

(Extracts from the Minutes) Jas. Calhoun, Chron.  
February 30 1777.

The soldiers in Lawrence's Barracks are breaking out fast with the  
Small Pox. I am told they have all had it except eight or ten. I think it  
(will)