

has sent off a fine regular Battalion (Mr Boys) this morning. Tomorrow he and I  
set out for the Camp. I am, Gent, your most Obedient humble Servant.

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland } The Johnsons June

Gentlemen,

Committee of Cecil County Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1777.

This Committee acknowledge the receipt of a letter from you of the  
26<sup>th</sup> Ult. inclosing a resolve of Congress of the 21<sup>st</sup>. This Committee will do every thing  
in their power to expedite the marching of the militia of this County to reinforce Genl  
Washington, but are of opinion that a Sum of money must be sent us for the  
Support of the Militia on the road and to advance some poor men who may want  
necessaries before they can possibly march. We think it necessary to acquaint you  
that there are very few guns in this County, and we believe not above 40 well  
fitted. A limited time we think ought to be fixed for the Militia to remain  
with General Washington, without which we are fearful the men will be  
backward. we should be glad to be informed where the Militia are to get Camp  
Kettles, tents &c. It is impossible for us at this time to fix on the particular  
Officers, that will be necessary to give commissions to, some of the Commissions of  
field Officers are vacant, and the appointment of other officers to fill them  
up will occasion many vacancies, we would request if consistent with your  
power you would send us some blank Commissions with orders to fill them  
up with such men as we think most worthy. We are, Gent.

The Honble Council of Safety at } Your most Obedient humble Servant  
Annapolis } (In order) Jno P Thompson Ch. Pleas

To the Honorable Brigadier General Smallwood.

The petition of Zachariah Tilley, humbly sheweth. That your  
petitioner has served during the last Campaign, as a soldier in Capt. Barton  
Lucas's company, under your command; and is now absent from the army on  
Furlough. That your Petitioner having been bred to the business of a Ship Car-  
penter, conceives he can be of more service to his Country by working for the  
Publick in that capacity, than by continuing as a soldier; as he understands  
that Ship Carpenters are much wanted in the public Dock Yards.

Your petitioner therefore most humbly prays that he may be dis-  
charged from the army, that he may be at liberty to serve the States in the  
business to which he was bred and your petitioner shall ever pray, &c.

February 5<sup>th</sup> 1777.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do  
certify that Zachariah Tilley was bred to the business of a Ship Carpenter,  
under his Father and brothers; and that he worked at that trade, until he  
enlisted into the army last winter.

(Signed) William Sydenham, Henry Bradford, William Man-  
roell, Chas Loundes, Probt Diete, Richard Henderson, Peter Carns,  
Thomas Cramphin, Richard Ponsonby