

at full Liberty to deviate therefrom on special circum-
stances: It does not appear to them from your Letter or other-
wise that the Gentlemen, the Company wish not to be pro-
moted, have done any Act to forfeit the good Opinion of
their Country, or that they are in any Manner disqualified.
We have sent Captain Borrie's Commission, but keep
back the Commissions for the other Officers till we
have your Reasons, or that of the Company for departing from
the Line of Preferment.

20th Feby 1776

We are &c

N^o 21. To Captain Tulford.

Sir From an Opinion of your Knowledge of Cannon,
we have thought proper to appoint you to prove those to be supplied
this Province by Mess^{rs} Jam^s & Dan^l Hughes, and request
you will immediately repair for that Purpose to their Works
at Antietam. We inclose you an Order on the Com-
mittee of Observation for the Middle-District of Frederick
County for what Powder may be wanting, and will defray any
Expence you may necessarily incur on that Service. The
Commission for Mr Mason back to be your second. —
Lieutenants you will please to deliver having