

c. s. c. pany in general, and that many had declared if those gentlemen were promoted they would not continue in the Company. It was therefore thought best to give the people a new election, which was the sole reason why there was no appointment in Convention. On the second meeting of the Company for the purpose of Choosing their officers, the gentlemen I mentioned to you, and which I was desired to do by them, were named, however since receiving your letter inclosing Cap^t Bowies Commission, they have had & lately a full meeting of the Company, and in order to reconcile and satisfy all partys, they have agreed, and that with the Consent of Mess^{rs} Dorsett & Haye, and of which I am particularly requested to inform you, that M^r Robert Bowie be appointed first Lieutenant, M^r W^m N. Dorsett second L^t & M^r Thomas Haye Ensign, this I am well assured will give general content, but if M^r Bowie should not be appointed first Lieutenant to this Company I am satisfied they will be in the utmost confusion, and as it is intirely agreeable to Mess^{rs} Dorsett & Haye, who desire nothing more than their first appointments, I shall hope to receive their respective Commissions by the return of this post.

I am gentlemen
With great regard your most ob^t Servant
Joseph Sim.

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Friday 15 March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Commission issued to Samuel Griffith appointed 1 Lieut. Richard Finley 2^d L^t and James Robinson Ensign of Capt. William Frisby's Company of Militia in Kent County.

Ordered That Col. W^m Smallwood be empowered to purchase all the Blankets and Cloth at Bladensburg and George Town for the use of the Troops of this Province, and to convey the same to the City of Annapolis.

Ordered That James Tibbit Master of the Brig Wild Duck deliver to M^r William Houston two thousand pounds weight of Gunpowder and all the small Arms and Accoutrements thereto belonging, the Property of the Province of Maryland imported in said Brig.

Copy of Lre N^o 58 was sent to M^r Daniel Bowly of Baltimore Town.

The Thanks of the Council were delivered by the President to Captain Nicholson of the Ship Defence (vid N^o 59.)

Copy of Letter N^o 60 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.