

[Hawkins to Tilghman.]

C. S. C.

Chas County Octob 7<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sir. I am sorry to be under the necessity of informing you of the misbehaviour of the 12<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>n</sup> and hope you will lay the same before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Convention. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult the said Battalion was ordered to attend at the usual place of mustering, and those that attended (tho' it was not a full meeting were drawn up in a line to perform the manual, but immediately upon the adjutant's giving the word of command a great number of the soldiers broke their ranks and collected together in a crowd: upon which I instantly went amongst them to inquire into the reason of such extraordinary behavior: & some of them objected to their being mustered by a Scotchman, but the greater part declared that they would not be mustered by any adjutant at all, alledging that the province was run to a very great expence by employing adjutants and they thought it the duty of the officers to muster the Battalion. I said every thing I could (and so did many other of the officers) to shew them the absurdity of such conduct but to no purpose. I then ordered them to be dismissed untill I shou'd hear from Convention and hope it will not be long before some step is taken to reduce them to order.

I am with great esteem & regard

Sir Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Josias Hawkins

[Petition of Solomon Jervis.]

Original.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety for the State of Maryland.

The Petition of Solomon Jervis of Kent County in the Province aforesaid—

That whereas this Council by an Order from the Honorable the Congress are about appointing of Officers for the Eight Battalions to be raised in this Province, your Petitioner would beg leave to represent that he has serv'd in Captain Watkins Company for these Eight Months past in the Quality of a Serjint he therefore prays your Honours to apoint him a Commission in one of the Battalions now to be raised. And as in duty bound will Pray.

Solomon Jervis.

Philad<sup>a</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1776

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to Michael Wallace appointed Surgeon to Colonel Smallwood's Battalion of regular Forces.