

whom I think a very good man, is desired to be commissioned in his stead. You have too a letter and its Inclosure I received this afternoon from Col^s Bruce and Blair. I hope the returns you have before you will supply the omission of some of the Gen^{l's} Christian names, if not I really do not know what can be done unless you can trust the Committee or me to fill up the Christian names of such as you may be at a loss for. I shall write to Col^o Bruce informing him of the omission and desiring him to write to you, but to prevent delay I had much rather receive the Commissions if they can issue. I had no suspicion that the Militia Commissions in this and Washington County were in such disorder. This morning Capt. Brossleday of the new Battalion came to town on purpose to tell me that none of the officers in his Company nor as he believed of any other company of that Battalion had yet received a commission. I went to the minits of the committee and on a long search could only find five companies had been returned I shall inclose in this a certificate as to them for fear if any return was ever made to the Council, which I doubt, it may have been mislaid. I very much wish I could get up commissions for all the Gent. who are entitled to them. I imagined from what passed in the Committee last night, they would have sent off an Express this morning to have known for a Certainty whether the Militia could have had any supply of blankets &c from the Council of Safety, but this morning on my several Times mentioning it the Gent. seemed disinclined to it, presuming you would not furnish them, they were never wanted more than by those, who now offer to turn out and I cannot forbear repeating my former request that if you possibly can, you will forward shoes, stockings and blankets especially the latter to Taney Town or this place. I understand part of our arms were left at Philadelphia to be removed some distance from thence will you be pleased to send orders for the delivery of them to our People. The Committee as I wrote you resolved the militia ought generally to march and the Humor seems to be that all ought to march, it will if any thing general leave the Country rather too naked I should have liked better that about one half was to march, but I do not know that it was possible to contrive it so. I have hired the bearer on purpose to carry this, and bring your answer. I wish him not to be detained I am, Sr.

Your mo obed^t Servant
Th. Johnson, Jun^r

25th Col^o Beatty's Battalion met to day, they march on Saturday B. Johnson's Batt. also met to day, they march I believe on Monday. I inclose you a list for Commns. in James