

C. C.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 26th May 1779Gen^t

By the Resolution of Congress 16th Sept^r 1776, the Appointment of all officers and filling up Vacancies (except General Officers) was left to the Governments of the several States. 31st Decem^r 1777, the Congress recommended to the Governments of the several States to suspend filling up any Vacancies in their respective Regiments until they should hear farther from Congress on the Subject. We have not yet heard farther from Congress on the Subject though doubtless many Vacancies in the State Regiments have been filled up since the 31st December 1777. The Officers in the Maryland Line complain of a Want of Subaltern Officers and probably there may have been some Appointments in that Line without consulting us. Filling up Vacancies is a Work not the most agreeable to us, but we cannot, with Propriety give up that Part of the Civil Power of this State. You'll oblige us by letting us know whether there's any Resolution contrary to that of Decem^r 1777, or whether it remains for Want of attending to it. In the few Instances that may occur where young Gentlemen of Merit are recommended to us before we hear from you, we shall request the Board of War to commission them as we are satisfied such are wanted

We are &^{ca}

Delegates in Congress.

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Thursday 27 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Commissions issued to Benjamin Tevis appointed Capt in the room of Thomas Philips John Chapman 1 Lieut, Joshua Chapman 2^d Lieut, Robert Tevis Ens. Elie Dorsey Capt in the room of Richard Owings, James Barnes 1 Lieut, Johnny Sellman 2^d Lieut Tobias Talbot Ens. Joshua Hurd Capt. in the room of Thomas Owings, Thomas Wire 1 Lieut, Thomas Greenwood 2^d Lieut, William Parker Ens. Joshua Hartestiom Ens. of Captain W^m Hudson's C^o and Thomas Chenoworth Ens. of Capt. Mordecai Gosnell's C^o belonging to the Soldiers Delight Batt. of Militia in Baltimore County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Wailes, thirty three Pounds, eighteen shillings and nine pence and the further Sum of One hundred and thirty eight Pounds, eleven shillings and eleven Pence half penny for the use of James Bennett due him per Acc^{ts} passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Wailes Eight