

April 12 said to be destined for the Delaware Bay & to take Post at New Castle or Wilmington this came in a Letter from Ez. Foreman Esq^r to Col^o Benjamin Chambers of this Town yesterday

April 12 [Rob. Geoghegan, Nicholas Ridgely To M^r James Brice, Lieu. of Anne Arundel County]

Includ You have two Commissions which we have thought highly necessary to send in as we Canot hold them any longer Consistent with the Principles the Lord has Blest us with therefore beg you will take them in we look upon it that it will be an Imposition on our Countrymen if we should hold Commissions & knew at the same time our Conciencie would not allow us to Act in the Office, so Sir as You see we make a Matter of Conciencie of holding an Office in which we are sure we cant Act in as men holding such Offices should do, therefore beg you will Excuse us—Not but we wish Sucksess to our Country & hope to se it in a Prospereus and Peacable State—O may the Lord Bless our distressed land with Peace & Grant that the Inhabitants thereof may live in Brotherly Love and Union is the Prayer of Sir, y^r h. S^{ts}.

[James McHenry, Baltimore, to the Council]

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I beg leave to claim an indulgence which I am informed you have granted to some gentlemen of this State serving in the Army, but not provided for by any particular resolve of Congress. In this, I ask only for past services, but not for any of a very recent date, or future.

Understanding that you have liquidated the depreciation of the pay of your officers, and that the certificates given them upon this occasion are equivalent to specie in the payment of confiscated estates; and having some intuition to risque in this line, I shall take the liberty to furnish you with my account, stating the periods of my service in the American Army, the pay still due me, with the distinction of offices I have held, as soon as I shall obtain the proper vouchers from Head Quarters. What I have to request of the honorable council in the mean time, is, an assurance from them of settlement, and that I shall not, in case of purchasing any confiscated property, be pushed for the specie proportion of the money before I can procure an adjustment of my account.

I shall write by the first opportunity to the Army or as soon as I receive your answer.

April 12 [Robert Pain Davis to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r]

I Receiv'd from you a Commition appointing me first Lieutenant of Captain Samuel Watkins Company of Militia in the West River Battalion as it Dont suit me to serve in that office, I Beg to Resign.