

and Cities and there will be Orations plenty and equal Confusion then the next Convention is to alter the work of the preceding—These very Aristocratical Gentlemen are laying a Foundation for a plebiscitum in the State and this may lay a Foundation for future Appeals to the people I have just now seen Cap<sup>t</sup> Valentine Creager Philip Smith 1 Lieut<sup>t</sup> George Need 2 Lieut<sup>t</sup> and John Perkinson Ensign of a Company in the flying Camp from Frederick County they delivered they say their Roll to Major Jenifer dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1776, on the 21 of that Month and never received Commissions altho they have applied to D<sup>r</sup> Fisher Col<sup>o</sup> Stull before and M<sup>r</sup> Stone since their arrival here who all have promised to gett them, that they were pushed off by their Countrymen without under a promise of sending them after them here where they have staid 3 weeks and the men not only refuse to march with them but inlist in other Companies—I need not press you to get the Council of Safety to send them inclosed to the Cap<sup>t</sup> and it will be necessary I suppose to date them back. they ought to come up by the Return of the Posts.

When I set off from Annapolis I asked G. Duvall for the Commissions transmitted to Convention by Congress, he answered there were none sent they were to be got at Philad<sup>a</sup> When we came here our old Friend the Honble Jn<sup>o</sup> Hancock would have sent us back to get them but he was overruled in this and we should have got others—I beg if we are continued in Office that we may not have Favours of that Sort to ask—And that you will take Care they shall be sent up by the next post.

The 4 German Companies have been with us and complain much of the 5 Companies of Pennsylvanians with whom they are united they say their 4 Companies outnumber the Pennsylvanians 100 men & that most of the men of this State in that Battalion are the vilest and lowest Wretches breathing they complain that they are obliged to recruit in Maryland & their men will be turned over to serve under Pennsylvania Captains I inclose you a Copy of their Inlistment. They agree to inlist in the Maryland Troops and wish solely to be under a Maryland Commander they make a good Remark that an Emulation will naturally arise in the Troops of each State to excell the others in Courage and serving their Country well and they say if they behave well as they are this State will get the Credit of it.

Our Friend Smallwood is to be or is a Brigadier what I have wrote has been with Pain from bad Ink & Pen it needs another Excuse as being done currente Calamo. however I