

[Thos Beall, Capt of the late Rawlings Redg't Riflemen, George August 30  
Town to His Excellency The Governor and Council]

Gentlemen On my Return to Fort Pitt in February last Knowing M<sup>r</sup> Magruder had Received Orders to Recruit men for our Corps during the war Gave Serg<sup>t</sup> Janes Orders to Reenlist Two men of our Corps that was not During the war Janes Inlisted one of them and a day or Two after one of the men Brought in A british Prisoner of war who he said wood Inlist. Capt. Tannehill was sitting By and knowing he wood wish for an Oppertunity to take the Advantage of me Ask'd his opinion Capt Tannehill was of opinion he wood doe very well in that Department and as it had been Frequently done before thought propper to Inlist him Capt Tannehill took an oppertunity that Evening to Acquaint the Comd<sup>t</sup> I had Inlisted A british Prisoner and Next morning Started for Philadelphia.

A few days After I was ordered to the Cetannion and weight<sup>d</sup> on the Comd<sup>t</sup> for orders he then told me he had understood I had Inlisted A british Prisoner of war I acknoledg<sup>d</sup> I had and beg<sup>d</sup> to Know who had Reported me he told me Capt Tannehill had and said he disapprov<sup>d</sup> of it much and if he Knew of any person there he wood have them sent of I expected as the Comd<sup>t</sup> had disapprov<sup>d</sup> of his Inlistment and I being Commanding Officer of the Core it was my duty to discharge him and as I inlisted him the Money and Clothing then lay at my Risk and as he had spent the Money and defac<sup>d</sup> the Clothes took the first oppertunity to Discharge him and got as much as I thought wood pay for his Clothing and the Money he had Receiv<sup>d</sup> and Acquainted Cap<sup>t</sup> Tannehill with what I had done on his Return and my Reason for doing it

Capt. Tannehill was of opinion I had done Rong and said he had mentioned it to the Comd<sup>t</sup> but did not meen to Report it every Gentleman that is Acquainted with Capt. Tannehill must know that he is not so void of sence that must know that it was the Comd<sup>ts</sup> Duty to call me to an Account if I had done Rong whether he ment it or not

this was the last of June I told Capt. Tannehill I thought I was very Justifiable in what I had done if he thought I was Rong he was very wellcom to take the Advantage of it I continued at Fort Pitt untill the Twentyeth of July and heard more of it and then got leave of Absence to Cumberland on my Return was very kindly Receiv<sup>d</sup> by Capt. Tannehill and in a day or Two after understood Capt Tannehill had been speaking very disrespectfull of me on account of my discharging the Above prisoner I then weight<sup>d</sup> on the Comd<sup>t</sup> and Requested he wood send for Capt Tannehill and let me be present Capt. Tannehill said he had understood I had discharg<sup>d</sup> McCleod the above prisoner I acknowledg<sup>d</sup> I had and Acquainted the Comd<sup>t</sup>