

of them. In a few days you'll be informed of the success I'll meet July 13 with.

[Joseph Beall, 'Malbro,' to Gov. Lee.]

[Asks for part of his pay]

July 13

[Jno. Mitchell, D. Q. M. Gl., Philada, to His Excellency, Gov. Lee] July 13

Sir The inclosed Letters are of the utmost Importance particularly that for Major Galvan, It is the particular request of his Excellency the Chevalier De la Luzerne that you wou'd be pleased to order the Letter for Major Galvan sent forward with the Utmost dispatch the bearer will return here with your comands. If your Excellency will favor me with the names & Stations of the Express's Stationed in your State it will enable me to send on the Dispatches with more expedition & prevent our sending on our Expresses further then necessary

[Rich'd Dallam, Harford County to His Excellency  
Thos Sim Lee Esqr.]

July 14

Sir Mr Benjamin Scott held a first Lieutenancy in the Maryland line, & served some considerable Time with Credit, but from Indisposition was obliged to Resign his Commission & Leave the Army. He has now recovered his Health and is desirous again of serving his Country Line as for some time entitled to the Command of a Company I will now except of one in the Reg<sup>t</sup> extraordinary to be raised. I am Authorised to say that he is a Gent<sup>n</sup> Who's Conduct & Bravery deserves Your Excellency notice. I also take the Liberty to mention two Other Gen<sup>n</sup> of distinguished merit but who's particular situation in the Army has heretofore prevented their promotion. Capt<sup>n</sup> Alexander Lawson Smith was appointed early in the beginning of the War to the Command of a Company in a Rifle Regiment: raised between Maryland & Virginia, it being an independent Regiment raised for three years the Officers had no advantage of any Vacancies in the line by which enferior younger Officers have been promoted & Command them, That is gauling to men of feeling & Military Honor,

Capt<sup>n</sup> John Carlile was appoint'd to the Command of a Company in Col<sup>o</sup> Hasens commonly call'd the Congress regiment which is also detatchd from the Line and he has sum Younger Officers promoted above him.

I have allways felt an unwillingness to mention or Recommend any Gent<sup>n</sup> for Appointments, but knowing the merrit of these two I cannot avoid recommending them for perferment in the nine Regiments now to be raised. Capt<sup>n</sup> Smith is now in the County and if Honord with a Commission will be active & usefull in procuring Men for the Regiment.

The Situation of this County is discouraging We have not money sufficient in it to give as Bounty for the Substitutes or Recruits that