

Council Annapolis 15th March 1780

114. Sir. Mr. Thomas informs us you have refused to receive Certificates given
in Value of the debt for the immediate Supply of Flour and other Provisions
for the Army in Payment of the late Assessment. We think it must have
been the Intention of the Legislature to have taken every Measure in their
Power to soften and reconcile to the People a Law which was founded in
Necessity. It would have been rather hard first to strip the Subject of
the only Means of raising Money and afterwards refuse Certificates which
they esteemed equivalent to Money in Discharge of the Assessment. We are
therefore the more inclined to think it must have been the Design of the
Assembly to have made the Certificates discountable in the late, as well
as future Assessments.

Mr. John Taylor

We are &c.

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Gentlemen.

115. Joshua Burgess and Henry Gaspaway of Ann Arundel County and
John Boone of Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland are
hereby appointed Ensigns, Joshua Burgess in the 1st Regt. Henry Gaspaway
in the 2d Brigade and John Boone in the first Regiment of Continental
Troops and we request Commissions may issue to them accordingly.

Col. Otho Williams writes us "Mr. Henrick the Bearer, enlisted in
the 6th Maryland Regiment in 1776. and has faithfully discharged the
Duty of Sergeant Major to that Corps; he has given Satisfaction in
his Station and I think him qualified for a Commission of greater
Authority, if he will accept of an Ensigns Commission in the 6th, it will
be agreeable": we appoint him an Ensign in the 6th Maryland Regiment
and request a Commission may issue to him.

The Honble. The Board of War

We are &c.

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110. Sir. We have drawn in Favor of Mr. Harwood, on the Treasurer of the Eastern
Share for 108. 17. 3/4 Dollars the Balance of your Order drawn to him on
William Merritt the 10th Feb. and not paid, which he will forward you
by this Opportunity. The Commissioners are directed by the Law to forward
the Provisions, and we have desired them to make Use of any way by
Water, whenever it can be done, and you will probably receive Wheat from
those who have not an Opportunity of grinding it up in the Districts.

At present we cannot add further than that we are &c.

Col. Henry Hollingsworth.