

hope you will indulge me in this request. My complying you will
Honorably Sir oblige -

Your ready servant to command,

Frederick. Demas.

Joppa 33^d December 1776.

Gentlemen -

Mr James Yalbot a Merchant in Joppa and an Officer in
the Militia in the eighth Battalion is desirous of procuring a Captain's Com-
mission in the Regulars to be raised in the Troops of this Province.

I have known him for some time, he is a cool sensible thinking man
a native of America. proposes as far as I have ever heard a fair charac-
ter in trade and his dealings, has ever been ready to do his duty as a
Militia Officer, has on all occasions shown his readiness to meet the ene-
mies of freedom, upon every requisition, early in this contest has solicited
a Commission, and in my opinion has spirit enough added to his attachment
to the Cause to meet the present duty in the field to the best of his skill
and ability -

Mr John Wayne would accept of a Lieutenancy, under him, he is
a native of Great Britain married into a family in this neighbourhood, seems
much attached to the Cause of Liberty, is well acquainted with the manœuvres
generally taught in the Militia and I really believe would make a good Officer,
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I am Gentlemen,

The Honorable The Council of Safety
of the State of Maryland

Your most Humble Servant.

Benjamin Rumsey.

December the 21st 1776

Gentlemen - Agreeable to your order I have sent an anchor to Captain Mar-
tin of 517 lbs. I have no anchor of 800 Weight which was the size he sent for
I have one of 1000 lbs the anchor I now send him is full large enough for the
Brigg - There is but one full Captain that now goes to sea that rose what
wait anchor puts them without seeing the anchor. I detained the Boat till
the anchor was stocket as there might be some defect in getting it stocket
in Annapolis - You are now breaking from the miterails I have provided
for your little Navie which I have spared no pains to get and have
got almost every kind for them, it don't appear to me that I am like to
be rewarded for my trouble - When ever you want, Ship, Brigg, Schooner
or Sloop bought for the use of the State the Comition is given to Sam Loder,
that perhaps don't merit the advantage more than myself. Since I have un-
derstall'd this business for you I have been offered a Comition from a
neighbouring State, a comition to buy three ships which would cost
me at least £150 in my way, the hole reason my not accepting of this
Comition was it was employed by the Council of Safety for the Province,
you have employed three other yards to do your business in, have