

to carry to the place from whence he was carried or taken both his
ears. Your Remonstrant further representeth to your Honours that
he has divers times mentioned this matter to the said George Cook Esq
and requested of him to deliver to your Remonstrant the said negro,
in order that your remonstrant might thereby release his securities. And
as the said George Cook Esq hath altogether refused to give up to your
petitioner the said negro, he therefore prays your Honours interposition
therein and he as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

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January 1st 1777

I last night received a number of Commissions for the Officers of the
Linganoe Battalion and among the rest, one for myself as Colonel. That
for myself was what I did not expect, it being now near a fortnight since
the election, at the close of which I was declared duly elected, to serve in
Assembly, as a Delegate for Frederick County. It is impossible for me to
serve in both Capacities agreeably to the present Constitution; for I need
not put you in mind that by the 5th article in the Form of Govern-
ment, Field Officers in the Militia are ineligible to a seat in the
House of Delegates &c. This article I look upon to be a good Regulation and
am determined to adhere to it - It being known to and expected by the
people, that I am to serve them as their Representative, without the
most distant expectation of ^{any} serving as a Field Officer, and as one or the
other must be resigned, it is my resolution to act in the former Capacity.
And therefore with that respect which is due to the Executive Body of
this State, I resign into your hands, herewith enclosed, the Commission
made out for me, as Colonel of the said Battalion. I am, Sir,

Prisider Genl Johnson,

Your humble Servt.

(Witnessed by Mr George Beckwith)

Wmth Shercliffe.

P.S. The other Commissions are transmitted to the several Officers. Wth.

Gentlemen.

Baltimore January 1st 1776.

Per Mr Barry, I send you according to desire the accounts
against the four Gallies, by which it will appear that I have expended
considerably more money than I have yet received, please to send the bal-
ance by Bearer. I shall with pleasure go on with the other Gallies,
but must beg leave to be advanced a sum of money for that purpose,
as it is highly inconvenient for me to lay out my own money,
Any money you think proper to advance without account, please like-
wise to send by Mr Barry, and his receipt will be good. I am,

The Honble Council of Safety

Gentlemen, with great respect your most hum^{ble} Servt.

for the State of Maryland: Annapolis

George Treble.

P.S. As Mr Stephen Stewart is not here & that I dont know when I may see him
I imagine it would do best you should name a Capt. for the Gally. Please the meeting to him.