

your very obedient servant,  
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L. Brig: Genl. Thos. Johnson. }  
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Sir.

Baltimore Jan<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1777.

This day the Ship was sold at 4400 Pounds. I bid as far as 43500 and as you never told me any thing about her, I thought best not to go to far. I wrote you some time ago about her, but not receiving your answer to that matter I did not know how to act. I shall load the Brig as fast as possible with tobacco, flour and bread, the carpenters are over-hauling her. I have pork and beef enough for the Debarce, and to spare for other resells.

I voted on the Council of war about the Cable from Capt. Jackson hammering but the would do nothing with it without Capt. Hammonds consent, and hee would agree to part with his cable at any rate. So that there could be nothing done. Pleas write if I must purchase any more resells - I consulted with Capt. Joseph Nicholson who was on the spot, and hee aproved of my conduct as to the Ship.

The Honourable Council of Safety } from your humble servant -

Annapolis } Jesse H. Hulingsworth

Sir.

Frederick Town 10<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1777.

In Coll: Beattys Battalion commissions are wanting for Dan Swearingen Jun<sup>r</sup>: as Captain, Frederick Stamples first and Philip Nutter 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants and John Kearn Esq<sup>r</sup>, I believe no commissions ever issued for this Company - Stricker was Capt. and Heister I believe first Lieutenant (both in the regular service) Swearingen 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant it was at first a Minute Company - In James Johnsons Battalion, my brother writes me commissions are wanting for John Martinet, as Capt, John Heytaker first and Chieftain Lafere 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants, and Henry Woodhite Esq<sup>r</sup> - I believe the former Captain of this Company is in the regular service - the last mentioned Company have marched and the first will in a day or two, on the presumption that Commissions will issue as desired, which I wish to be sent to Philadelphia. In my last I mentioned to you my intention of meeting the Swearingen Battalion, and endeavouring to set them to accomodate their differences about officers - I went to the place on Wednesday, but few of the men and not quite half the officers attended, my journey was fruitless, though most of those who attended declare their willingness to march, yet none of them will give up their pretensions. I inclose you Mr. Sheridans and Mr. Howards resignations. Joseph Hobbs, Nicholas Hobbs and Nathan Maynard in Brail Doreys Company have returned their Commissions. The Hobbs refuse to act at all. Maynard I am told ought to be first Lieutenant. I have not seen Capt. Dorey, nor heard from him

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