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The STATE of MARYLAND, To John Buck Gentleman Greeting.

BE IT KNOWN, That reposing especial trust and confidence in your fidelity, courage, good conduct, and attachment to the State of Maryland and the United States, you are by these presents constituted and appointed Second Lieutenant Captain James Norris Rifle Company in Major William Woodlands Battalion of the Militia of this State in the City of Baltimore

You are therefore carefully to discipline the Officers and Soldiers under your command, who are hereby strictly enjoined to obey you as their Second Lieutenant and in this, and all other respects, you are diligently to discharge the trust committed to you by these presents, according to the Laws and Constitution of this State, and of the United States, and such rules and regulations as under the authority thereof are or may be established: This commission to be in force until lawfully revoked.

GIVEN at Annapolis, this fourth day of April Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and twelve

Robt. Bowie