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Chester Town December the 18. 1775

Sir

We are requested by the Bearer Mr John Watkins, to represent his Situation to the Honourable Convention. Mr Watkins very early in Life went into his Majesty's service as a Volunteer and was preferred to the Rank of an Ensign in Wilmots (formerly Gages) Light Infantry we apprehend from his personal merit. Having been seven Years in actual service in the last war we immagine he must have acquired experience that may be useful in the Service he is now desirous of engaging in. His Funds being confin'd he cannot with convenience give up the half pay he enjoys from his Commission howmuch soever he is averse from acting under it, and therefore begs leave to solicit this our recommendation a preferment under your appointment that will be equal to it, or greater if the Convention should think him worthy of it

We are Sir with great respect

your very Humble Servts

Thomas Smyth Chairman

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