8 (8) Prince Georges County Nov. 10th 1775

Gentlemen, It is at the request of several persons of Fortune and Character that I am induced to inform you how partially matters were conducted with regard to the Nomination of Field Officers to the Battalion on the upper part of Potomack, there are six Companies in the Forrest and but three below which gave them an Advantage which they took of Nominating whom they Pleased, I was present when the Nomination was made and Objected strongly to their naming but four, by arguing that they would by that means give you no Alternative whatever, but as they had previously agreed on their men what I said Availd nothing; I have now only to inform you that the persons Polled for that Day besides those recommended were Mr. Baston Lucas, Mr. Thomas Snowden, Mr. Walter Bowie, Mr. Benjamin Ogle, Mr. James Mullikin, Mr. Reason Beall, Mr. William Turner Wootton & myself, any one of whom in my humble opinion are equally entitled to your Notice in every respect with those returned, therefore it is to be hoped you will pay no regard to such a Recommendation, I am Gentn. with much Respect

Your Most Humble Servt.

H. Lyles

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It can be proved there was Persons Ready to Obtain Votes. By Solicitation & I think the persuasion was that they should have a Majority of Field Officers above