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Baltimore Town 1st May 1776

Gentlemen

Mr Campbell by this Conveyance resigns his Commission of first Lieut in my Company in Order to be of more Essential Service to his Country by distressing the Trade of our Enemies in a Privateer fitted out by Gentlemen of this Town: If it does not interfere too much with a Plan you may have laid down for Promotions in the Regular Service, I shall be exceeding happy to have my Second Lieut appointed to the Vacancy. he is very Capable & more acquainted with the Men their Dispositions & of Consequence can be of more Use in the Company than a Stranger. Should you have determined to raise the Officers according to their Seniority, I doubt not you have heard of Mr Nicks Character (who is Eldest 2nd Lieut) & Just Satisfied you will not promote any Person who is not equal to it . . . Should you not have promised the Ensigncy that will be vacant, I shall be happy to have my Brother James in the Service. he has been in the Independent Compy of this Town ever since its formation & understands the Duty as well as most of Young Officers. I am

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Gentlemen

your Obligd & Mo Obed Servt

Sam Smith