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Somerset County 16th February 1776.

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The Inclosed Certificate serves to Inform you, that the Company to Which Mr. Geo. Wailes was Appointed Capt.; by the Convention, has been Displeased at their not having Been previously Informd of that Appointment, that they might have had an Opportunity of Rejecting their Officers; to fill up the Vacancy In the Company; We are to Inform you that Capt. Wailes has Declin'd to Act In that Station, And the Company has Chose by Ballot, their Officers as will appear by the Inclosed Certificate, — As it Appears Inconsistent, to Rank those Gentlemen In Battallion with the Officers who are Honoured with Commissions by the Convention; before they Receive their Commissions, (or Infact that they Cannot Act pursuant to Law in Battallion before they Receive Commissions) it becomes our duty to Acquaint you that we Apprehend the Granting Commissions, to the Gentlemen Mentioned In this Certificate would have a Good Tendency; as it would Enable us to Exercise them In Battallion, & we have Reason to believe it will prevent a Dispotation of the Company We have the Honour to be Gentlm

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Your Most Obedt. Humble Servants

George Dashiell

Wm Horsey

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