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Gent.n The Militia of my Battalion have marched almost generally, Col.o Smith's Battalion are now ready, there are some of the former Commissioned Officers who have gone in the German Battalion whose places are vacated in the Militia others have been elected to serve in their Room Viz. Capt.n Peter Boall in the Room of Capt. Wm Hoyser. Jacob Ott 1st Lieut.n Michael Ott 2d Lieut.n and William Conrad Ensign. Likewise the following Gent.n were advanced in Capt.n Fackler's Company Viz. Leonard Shryock to 2d Lieut.n in the Room of Adam Smith and Michael Somers Ensign.

It is earnestly requested that Commissions ~~that~~ may be made out for the foregoing Gent.n each respectively, and sent by the Bearer Melcher Belshoover who will meet the Battalion at Philadelphia, the Men are spirited in the Defence of Liberty, and hope no Delay will be made in forwarding their Commissions. otherwise I doubt Confusion may arise in their Companies as they are agreeably elected, and have pledged my honour to be positive in procuring their respective Commissions and send an Express for that Purpose. I hope my request will be complyed with and am

Gent.n your most Obed.t & humble Serv.t John Stull

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