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Yesterday in the Council Room I had a slight view of the Roster, Genl. Smallwood any Coll.o Price made out of the Rank & Promotions of the Officers to serve in the Continental Service.

I observe in their Roster, they have pointed out two modes, and left you at your choice to adopt either — the first is Ranking the Officers as they stood under the former Resolve of Convention, when the Regular Troops of this State were first raised — the second of their Rank, when they left the State. if the former rank is adopted, that is to say — Regular Maj.rs to Command Brig.rs Lt.Cols. Capt.s to Com. Lt Colls — Lts to Com.d Capt.s & Ensigns to Com.d Ensigns of the Militia, which was the first Establishment of the Troops by Convention it would be unjust, I am warranted by this Assertion by the Convention reconsidering the Matter and making an Amendment to the former resolve, giving the Flying Campers Militia equal Rank with the Regulars, with this difference, that the Regular Officers should Com.d the Officers of the Flying Camp, of equal degree. Rank

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