it would not only be a piece of injustice to the Flying Camp Officers, who has suffer'd every fatigue and hardship of the Campaign, to promote the Regular According to the first resolve of Convention but it will also tend greatly to the Hurt of the Service — This I speak with confidence, will know one that the Officers in the Flying Camp would quit the Service sooner than submit to have their Commissions taken from them, without committing any Offence, it would be Submitting to what never was Done or heard of in any Service whatever — Instance Major Forest Tom Schill & Howard who gave up their Companys to other Officers, on their promotion to the Station of Majors, would it not be very unjust to take those Officers Commissions from them and give them Capt.s Commissions and let them out recruiting at this advanced season, when they might have had their Companys recruited by this time and the choice of Men which would have added Honor and Credit to them had they been first appointed Capt.s — I will only beg leave to ask your Honors whether you could have a good Opinion of a Mans Honor and Spirit who would submit to any thing so much below the Character of an Officer and Gent.

If Gen.l Washington & Congress want us to be, or think we must give it that appellation of Regulars we must be taken formally to do us justice, or my Heart