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Gentlemen

Talbot County
January 18th 1777

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I the enclosed State of Col Smallwoods Battalion and the Independant Companies are made out from some memorandums I made in the execution of the Commission I was honoured with by the late Convention and contains every information in my power to give you. I to attend in person. I am sorry to say we found a good deal of discontent prevailing in our Army and the Gentlemen very attentive to their Rank. ... the Commissioners determined that a promotion in Battalion would be doing strict Justice and most likely to give general satisfaction.

You have my thanks for the Honour conferred on me in the appointment to your board. and am sorry its not in my power to accept of the Trust with any tolerable convenieney since the beginning of the present dispute. the little I have been able to do for my Country has been undertaken with chearfullness without any consideration of my private affairs, and now finding some attention to them necessary. I have allotted a few months to remain at home. that should there be any necessity of leaving them in the Spring it may be done with more Convenieney and safety. I have the honour to be very Respectfully

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Your Obliged Humble Servt.
Jas Lloyd Chamberlaine