I fear too generally gives Place to private Interest.

Mr James Smiths resignation dated the 20th of June – 79 & Mr Nath. Jennings dated yt 1st of June – 79 leaves a Capt. Lieutenancy & a first Lieut. vacant. Lieut. Cromwell is entitled to the Capt. Lieutenancy & Mr John Hamilton who has acted as Pay-master to my Regt these two Years & by the arrangement appointed to an Ensigncy is by promotion entitled to the first vacant Lieutenancy.

Mr Rezin Davis a Sub Lieut. in Col. Rollings Regt. taken at Fort Washington expects to be soon exchanged. Col. Williams thinks he would be glad to enter my Regt & from his recommendation I should be glad to have him appointed to the first Lieutenancy vacant by the promotion of Lieut. Cromwell, if you think proper. I beg leave to recommend Serjeant Jacob Rittenhouse Shoemaker for a Commission in the 4th Maryd. Reg.t his good Conduct since he has been with me merits the distinction. Mr Edward Simms of the State of Maryd. has requested me to mention him for a Commission. he is a stranger to me but he may not be so to your Excellency He has acted for sometime as a Volunteer in the first Regiment of Maryland.