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Colo. Charles Griffith having thought proper to resign his Commission, there is of course, an immediate necessity for some person to be appointed in his stead - we, having the Honor to serve in the Battalion which He was to Command, conceive ourselves to be deeply interested in the choice of a successor; and having the noble Cause, in which we are embarked, likewise much at Heart, we take the Liberty of addressing you on the Occasion, and of Recommending Majr. Otho Holland Williams to the notice of your Honble. board, sincerely wishing He may be permitted to lead us to the Field!

We are extremely solicitous to have a Gentleman of Virtue, & Real merit in Command, and are fully persuaded He is well qualified for the important trust.

His acquaintance in this part of the

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