the antecedant Rank respectively held, adding if that was not the Case, why had not the Assembly been more explicit? to what purpose was it to Create a Confidence in them, that full powers were to be conveyed to the General to do Justice in such In:stances, where undue promotions had been made, Particularly where Junr. Officers of the same degrees with Senrs. were promoted above them a Grade higher than the Rank they respectively held in 1776 and those Seniors still remaining under the present establishment to this day in the Rank they held in 1776 tho' their Junrs. at that Time, have ever since stood and by the present Resolution must remain a degree higher, of which there are many Instances in the Relative Rank between Officers in the flying Camp. Viz. Junr. Capt. in 1776 Promoted over Senior to Majori:ties, the Senrs. standing now in the same degree they then held, and Junr. Lieut. over Senrs. to Captaincies, in like manner Junr. Ensigns over Senrs. to Lieutenancies and in one or more Instances to Captaincies over all the first & Second Lieuts.

There are Similar cases in the regular Line, but the Instances there are much less frequent than in the flying Camp — The injured Officers justly urge on each side of the Question, that the Establishment of the Regular or flying Camp Rank was not so much an Object of their apprehension and disgust, as the Partial and undue Promotions, which if the Assembly determined not to convey powers to alter, why did they not declare it as this was the principal Objection, and the only one which the Officers would not waive as will appear from their Letter to the Assembly, and the Letter from the Senate to the Govr. clearly indicates that such powers were meant to be conveyed, if the late Assembly had explicitly declared otherways, as they probably would and ought to have done if they meant it, they could not have expected to have retained one of those Officers, or that they would have come out under any other confi:dence, than that they understood full powers were to be given to fix the