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NAMES	COMPANY &c		Dates of Enlistment	Time of SERVICE	CASUALTIES		
Bedford, Gunning.....	Lt. Col.		Jan. 19. 76	enlisted for one year, dischd, at the expiration of that time			
Bail, Robert.....	Qr. M.		" 13. "				
Beatsman, John.....	Sergt.	Stedham	" 27. "				
Bennett, James.....	P	Stedham	" 17. "				
Biggs, James.....	P	"	" 26. "				
Bennett, Jacob.....	P	"	Feb. 5. "				
Brandt, John.....	P	"	" 6. "				
Brannon, Matth.....	P	"	" 16. "				
Brown, James.....	P	"	Mar. 2. "				
Bailey, Robert.....	P	Darby	Jan. 24. 76				
Bell, James.....	P	"	" 27. "				
Bready, Tho.....	P	"	" 13. "				
Butler, Tho.....	P	"	Feb. 23. "				
Brown, Tho.....	P	"	Mar. 4. "				
Brown, John.....	P	"	Feb. 11. "				
Blaney, John.....	P	"	Apr. 12. "				
Bell, Stephen.....	P	Hall	Jan. 18. "				
Burton, Willm.....	P	"	" 18. "				
Brown, Nicholas.....	P	"	" 18. "				
Berry, James.....	P	"	" 18. "				
Signal, John.....	P	"	" 23. "				
Berry, Tho.....	Serj.	Vaughan	" 15. "				
Burke, Patrick.....	P	"	" 17. "				
Buckworth, Charles.....	P	"	" 19. "				
Brown, James.....	P	"	" 21. "				
Benson, John.....	P	"	" 22. "				
Banning, Charles.....	P	"	" 22. "				
Bratton, James.....	Lieut.		Apr. 5. 77				Resigned March 1st. 79
Berry, Tho.....	Ensign		" 5. "				

Burris, Joseph.....	P	Moore	Nov. 77	War	Discharged June 3d. 78
Burcham, John.....	P	"	" "	"	died July 17. 78
Barkus, Nathl.....	P	"	Aug. 9. "	"	desd. Aug. 16. 77
Barkus, John.....	P	"	" 9. "	"	do " 16. 77. Rejd. Mar. 20. 83 served to end
Barnes, Santee.....	P	"	June 23. "	"	missing Sept. 16. 77
Burris, Patton.....	P	"	Dec. 26. "	"	deserted May 80
Brooks, Seth.....	P	Learmonth	Oct. 77	"	Corpl. Aug. 1. 79, Serj. Dec. 1. 79 Wars end
Bostridge, Tho.....	P	"	" 77	"	died Dec. 5. 77
Bryan, John.....	P	"	" "	"	deserted Nov. 1. 77, rejd, Mar. 6. 83 Served to end
Brown, Willm.....	P	"	" "	"	died Aug. 18. 77
Brown, Jeremiah.....	P	"	Apr. 25. 78	"	desd. May 26. 78, musd. Sept. 78, dischd. June 1782
Briann, Jeremiah.....	P	"	" 25. "	"	
Boyce, Danl.....	Serj.	"	Mar. 2. "	"	died Jan. 14. 79
Bennett, John.....	P	"	Apr. 14. "	"	deserted 16. Apr. 78
Boyd, James.....	P	"	May 3. 78	"	ditto May 26. 78
Betson, John.....	Lieut.	"	July 27. "	"	Ensign Dec. 1. 77
Berry, Mordecai.....	Corpl.	Jaquett	Dec. 77	"	Serj. Aug. 1. 78, missing in action Aug. 16. 80
Bartley, John.....	P	"	Aug. 1. 77	"	deserted Aug. 6. 77
Burton, Jacob.....	P	"	May 11. 78	"	ditto & pr Muster of Oct. 80 say Desd. in Sept. error, dischd. Jun 82
Brown, Caleb.....	Lieut.	"	Apr. 5. 76	"	died Jan. 29. 1780
Beach, Bing.....	P	"	July 24. 79	"	desd. March 7. 80
Bennett, Caleb.....	Ens.	"	Apr. 5. 77	Lt. Mar. 1.79	Capt. 30 Jan 80, entitled to Commutation
Black, David.....	Corpl.	Holland	July 1. 77	War	Serj. Nov. 6. 77, Deserted Oct. 20. 82
Black, Willm.....	"	"	Aug. 1. 77	"	Missing in action Aug. 16. 80
Blake, John.....	P	"	Oct. 77	"	deserted Aug. 2d. 1780
Brown, Joseph.....	P	"	Jan. 15. "	"	sick, omittd. Feb. 78
Bradley, Ezekiel.....	P	"	Mar. 17. 78	"	died Nov. 6. 78
Brown, Stephen.....	P	"	" 31. 78	"	deserted Aug. 27. 78
Bowen, William.....	P	"	Apr. 23. "	"	deserted 16 July 78
Barns, John.....	P	"	Apr. 6. "	"	desd. 8. Apr. 78, rejd. Mar. 10. 83, end of War

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF PRIVY COUNCIL

The 8th. day of June A. D. 1778

..... The President, with the approbation of the Board, appointed Thomas Collins, of Kent County, Esquire, Brigadier-General of the Militia of the said County—also Gunning Bedford, Esquire, (lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Militia in New Castle County) to be Colonel of the said Regiment in the room of Samuel Patterson, Esquire, now Brigadier-General and also Robert Bryan Esquire (Major of the said Regiment) to be the Lieutenant-Colonel thereof.

The 2nd, of Sept. A. D. 1778

The Board taking into consideration the unhappy situation of John McKinly, Esquire, late President of this State, captured by a detachment of the British Army, in Sept. 1777, at Wilmington, and now a prisoner under a short parole to solicit his exchange for William Franklin, Esquire, late Governor of New Jersey,..... came to the following Resolutions, to Wit—

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Board, that the said John McKinly, ever since the commencement of the present Contest between Great Britain and America until his captivity aforesaid, took a very active part in support of the Liberties of the latter against the oppressive measures of the former—that in the execution thereof he filled the several offices of Chairman of the Committee of Inspection and Observation for New Castle County, Colonel of a Battalion of Militia there, and Brigadier-General, President of the Council of Safety, Speaker of the House of Assembly, under the present Frame of Government—and lastly that of Commander in Chief of this State—and discharged the several duties with attention, zeal and alacrity.

RESOLVED, therefor

That the President do request the Delagates from this State in Congress to make immediate application to that Honourable Body, that they would be pleased to take order, in such way as to them shall seem most proper, for the speedy exchange of Mr. McKinly; as his public services do certainly merit public favour and regard.

The 9th. day of November, A. D. 1778

..... In pursuance of an Act of General Assembly, intituled “An Act for the establishing a Militia within this State,” His Excellency the President, with the advice and approbation of the Privy Council, appointed Nehemiah Delaplain of the town of New-Port in New Castle county to be Commissary-General of Military Stores and provisions for the State, with power to appoint two Deputies, one of which shall reside in the county of Kent, and the other in the county of Sussex.....

RESOLVED,

That His Excellency the President issue Commissions, of the following dates, to the following named persons—viz-

Sept. 24. 1787	David Montgomery,	Captain of a Company,	formerly Blacks, 1st Regt.
	Jacob Moore,	First Lieutenant of	do.....
	John Nivin.....	Second Lieut.....	do.....
	James Boggs.....	Ensign.....	do.....
Oct. 31st. 1778	Alexander Thompson,	Captain of a Company	formerly Watsons 4th Regt.
	Nathaniel Kerr,.....	First Lieut.....	do.....
	John Townsend.....	Second Lieut.....	do.....
	Thomas McCrea.....	Ensign.....	do.....

Officers of a Troop of Horse in General Collins' Brigade

Decr. 19. 1778	John Casson,	Captain
	Samuel Freeman,	First Lieutenant
	Stephen Wood,	Second Lieutenant
	Benjamin Eubanks,	Cornet—

Whereupon, Commissions were issued, accordingly.

August 26th. 1779

The President laid before the Board a Letter, dated at Wilmington the 14th. day of July last, from George Evans and John Lea, Esquires, complaining of the misbehaviour of Francis Wade, Esquire, Deputy Quarter-Master-General and Commissary General in this State, and requesting that measures may be taken in order to appease the universal clamours of the people, for the removal of Mr. Wade from said Office—The Board, having taken the same into consideration,

RESOLVED,

That Tuesday the 31st. instant be set apart for hearing all complaints that may be made against the said Francis Wade, or any person whatsoever employed either in the Quarter-Master General, or Purchasing or Issuing Commissary-General's Department; and that the Secretary inform the said George Evans and John Lea, Esquires, by letter, of this Resolution, and require the attendance of them, at the time aforesaid, and of such witnesses as can be adduced to testify any mal-conduct of the aforesaid Francis Wade, or any person whatsoever employed in either of the Departments aforesaid.....

The 7th. day of September A. D. 1780

..... His Excellency laid before the said Board an application from James Pollock and thirty two others, inhabitants of Sussex County, praying to have Officers commissioned for a Troop of Militia Light Horse—the said James Pollock to be Captain—William Owens First Lieutaennt—Matthew Creighton Second Lieutenant and David Owens Cornet. The Council, willing to encourage and promote a military spirit, advised His Excellency the President to grant the said Commissions.

The 11th. day of September 1780

His Excellency laid before the Board a letter from Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Quarter Master General, Dated the 24th. day of August last, imparting that he had appointed Donaldson Yeates, Esquire, to be Deputy Quarter Master General for the State of Delaware and Maryland, under the new arrangement of the Quarter

Newcastle, Delaware, May 20, 1775.

This day, agreeable to appointment, the Captains and Subaltern Officers of Newcastle County met at Christiana Bridge to choose Commanders, when the following gentlemen were chosen, viz:

For the Upper Division.

James McKinley, Esq., Colonel;
James Latimer, Esq., Lieutenant Colonel;
Thomas Duff, Esq., Major.

For the Lower Division

Thomas Cooch, Esq., Colonel;
Samuel Patterson, Lieutenant Colonel;
Gunning Bedford, Major.

American Archives 4th ser. v 2 660.

FORMATION OF AN ASSOCIATION

Kent-County upon Delaware, May 25, 1775.

The Militia Officers of above twenty Companies, chosen in the several Districts throughout the County, met together at Dover; and that the business of the day might be conducted with order and regularity, they chose Captain John Haslet, Chairman, and Lieutenant Mark McCall, Clerk.

The following Association was then drawn up, and unanimously approved and subscribed, viz:

"We, whose names are hereunto written, Military Officers, duly elected and chosen by the good people of the several Hundreds and Districts of the County of Kent upon Delaware, pursuant to the direction and recommendation of the Committee of Inspection for said County, do hereby jointly and severally, for ourselves and each of us, solemnly promise and engage, by the sacred ties of honour and love for our Country, that we and each of us, will to the utmost of our abilities, well and faithfully execute the important offices conferred upon us by our fellow-subjects and in our military and in every other capacity, at the risk of our lives and fortunes, defend the liberties and privileges of America, as well natural as constitutional, against all invaders, or such as may attempt any the least violation or infringement of them.

And we do further, in manner aforesaid, promise and agree, that we, and each of us, will subject ourselves to such pains, penalties, military punishments, and disgrace, as Court Martial, to be constituted from time to time of the officers of our own body, shall or may inflict on any of us offending against the rules of military discipline, or contravening, in word or deed, the true interest of America, or the spirit and principle of this Association."

The convention next proceeded to divide the County into two Divisions,

each division to contain one Regiment of men and then chose the necessary Field-Officers for each Regiment, viz:

For the Upper Regiment.

The Honorable Caesar Rodney, Esq., Colonel;
Thomas Collins, Esquire, Lieutenant-Colonel; and
Mr. French Battell, Major.

For the Lower Regiment.

John Haslet, Esquire, Colonel;
William Rhodes, Esquire, Lieutenant-Colonel;
Mr. Robert Hodgson, Major.

They then settled a uniform plan of their future conduct, with rules to be observed in every Company; and broke up in perfect harmony.

Published by order of the Convention:

MARK McCALL, Clerk.

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE "COUNCIL OF SAFETY."

Note: -These minutes were purchased by the State at the sale of papers found in the old Rodney house in Wilmington.

Saturday September 16 A. M. "1775."

The Council went into the consideration of the appointment of the Captains and Subaltern Officers nominated in the several districts of New Castle County as they are returned before this Council and in the prosecution therefore motion the Question were put do the Council approve of the Several Gentlemen as returned to the Council for officers of the respective Companies in three Battalions of New Castle County and it passed in the affirmative—

Their Names and Rank as follows to wit :

First Capt. Jacob Derickson	Third Capt. Emanuel Grubb
First Lieut. Peter Vandiver, Junr.	First Lieut. Thomas Robinson Junr.
Second do John Vandiver	Second do John Bird
Ensign William Elliott, Junr.	Ensign John Pyle
Second Capt. William Anderson	Fourth Capt. George Craighead
First Lieut. John James	First Lieut. John Hendrickson
Second do Moses McKnight	Second do Chas. Son of Joseph Springer
Ensign James Crossan	Ensign Peter Hindrickson

On Motion and the Question shall,

David Hall be Colo. of one of the Battallions of Sussex carried in the affirmative.

John Conwell Lieut Col	New Sussex.
Henry Fisher Major	John Dagworthy, Colonel
Henry Niell Adjutant	John Jones Lieut. Colonel
William Bonus Standard Bearer	Silmon Kollock Major
Joseph Hall Surgeon	Nathaniel Mitchell Adjutant
Jacob Moore Col.	Elijah Cannon Standard Bearer
James Rench Lieut. Col.	
John Wiltbank Major	
David Train Adjutant	
Thomas March Standard Bearer	

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL—Continued

Notes of Proceedings of the Council of Safety at a meeting of said Council held at Dover in the County of Kent on Monday the Eight Day of January 1776—

The Honorable House of Assembly for the Government of the Counties of New Castle, Kent & Sussex upon Delaware at a Session of Assembly held at New Castle on the 20th Day of October last having in Pursuance of the Directions of the Honorable Continental Congress proceeded to the Nomination & Appointment of a Council of Safety it appears from the Votes of the said House on the Occasion that the following Gentlemen were appointed for that Purpose viz:

For New Castle County	For Kent County
Brig. Genl. John McKinly	William Killen
Captain John Evans	Capt. Thomas Rodney
Lt. Col. James Latimer	Col. John Haslet
Major Gunning Bedford	L. Col. Thomas Collins
Col. Richard Cantwell	Charles Ridgely
Lieut. Nicholas Vandyke	James Sykes Esq.r
George Read Esqr.	Capt. Thomas Tilton
For Sussex County	
Brig. Genl. John Dagworthy	
Col. David Hall	
Col. Jacob Moore	
Major John Wiltbank	
Isaac Bradley Esq.	
William Polke Esq.	
Lieut. Col. John Jones	

Jany. 12th 1776.

On Motion the order of the Day was read & the Council resumed the Consideration of the Appointment of Officers in the Continental Battalion to be raised in this Government;

Agreed Upon the Question that the Captains Lieutenants and Ensigns for three Companies in the Battalion now to be raised in pursuance of the Recommendation of the Honorable Continental Congress be appointed of the Persons applying for Commissions from New Castle County, That the like Officers for Three Companies in the said Battalion be appointed of the Persons applying for Commissions from Kent County and that the officers for the remaining two Companies be appointed of the Persons who apply for Commissions in said Battalion from Sussex County—

The Council then went into the Appointment of the said Captains & subaltern Officers and the following Persons were chosen, to wit from the said County of New Castle—

Captain Joseph Stedham	2d. Lieut. Enoch Anderson
Captain Henry Darby	William Popham
Captain Samuel Smith	James McDonough Jun.
1st Lieut. Robert Kirkwood Jun.	Ensigns, Thomas McClintick
Lewis Howell	Thomas Holland
John Dixon	Abraham Carty

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL-- Continued

And the following persons were chosen from the County of Kent to wit-

Captains Jonathan Caldwell	2d. Lieut. George McCall
Nathan Adams	James Gordon
Charles Pope	Alexander Stuart
1st. Lieut. John Patten	Ensign James Stevens
James Moore	Thomas Nixon Jun.
James Wells	John Wilson

And the following Persons were chosen from the County of Sussex - to wit

Captains David Hall Junr.	2d. Lieut. John Learmonth
Joseph Vaughan	John Purkins
1st. Lieut. Jonathan Hearney	Ensign Cord Hazard
Joseph Truitt Junr.	William Vaughan

And on Motion that the Council do now appoint the Staff Officers to the said Battalion the following Persons were severally chosen to wit

Dr. James Tilton	Surgeon
Thomas Holland	Adjutant
Robert Baile	Quarter Master
The Revd. Joseph Montgomery	Chaplain

Then the Council adjourned until tomorrow Morning 10 o'clock

Jany. 13th 1776.

The Council took into consideration the Rank to be assigned to the Captains appointed in the Battalion on Friday last and determined upon the Question severally that Josh. Stedham be the first Captain in the said Battalion

That Jonathan Caldwell	be second Captain.
That David Hall the younger	be Third Captain
That Henry Darby	be Fourth Captain
That Charles Pope	be Fifth Captain
That Nathan Adams	be Sixth Captain
That Samuel Smith	be Seventh Captain
That Joseph Vaughan	be Eighth Captain

PRIVATE NOTE BOOK OF CAPTAIN THOMAS RODNEY.

Purchased at the Rodney sale.

Whittington Draper gave order.
Thomas Wilds do
John Maxwell Jur. do

Light Infantry Company
List of Delinquents April 20th. 1776.

Lieut. McCall	v John Freeman appd. & made excuse
Major Taylor excused	James Crab Fin'd
Miers Carson Fin'd	James McClement Excus'd
Elijah Pennington Fin'd	Theo. Pole Fin'd
John Brown Fin'd	John Martin do
Archb. Jackson Excus'd	Robt. McGermel do
Saml. Williams Excus'd	David Freeman do
William McClement Fin'd	Luke Story Discharged
John Sullivan Excus'd	Wm. Kinney Fin'd

A List of Delinquents - Saturday April 27th. 1776

Thomas Shimmor Discharged	Wm. Kinney Fin'd
John Freeman Fin'd	Robt. McGermel do
John Bell do	David Freeman do
John Martin do	

Review Sunday May 19th. Delinquents

Theo. Parke Fin'd	David Freeman do
John Martin do	William Kinney do

May 14th. 1776

Major Taylor Fin'd	John Martin Fin'd
Wm. Berry do	Robt. McGermel do
Robt. Carson Excus'd	Wm. Kinney do
Theophilus Parke Fin'd	

May 18th. 1776 - Review Center.

May 20th. 1776

N. Tilton Excused	J. Martin Fined
S. Mills do	W. Kinney do
T. Wilds Fin'd	C. Nixon Excused
T. Parke Excused	

June 1st. 1776

Major Taylor Excused	David Tanner do
Thos. North Fined	Geo. Goforth do
John Miller Fin'd	Jas. Cray Fin'd
Saml. Goodwin Excused	John Taylor do
Benja. Thomas do	Wm. Kinney do
James West do	Chas. Nixon Excused
David Jackson do	

A List of those who have none of their own

John Baring in good order	David Thomas good order
Vincent Lockerman Jur. do	Lewis Thomas not in order
John Dawson do	David Tanner do
Thomas Story do	James West do
Jonathan Hutchinson do	Brester Young do
John Battell do	John McCreaver do
William Berry not in order	Jas. Junifer Jur. do
John Corker do	Saml. Gooding do

To the Hon^{ble} the Delegates in Congress (Assembled)

In the Office of the Delaware Battalion in the Service of the United States of America by leave to recommend to you Mr. Robert Ward for Lieut. (Commissary in said Battalion).

Philad. 10 Aug. 1776

John Parlet C. D. B.
 Shunning Bedford Lt. Col. D. B.
 Thos. W. Donoghue Maj. D. B.
 Jo: Hedham Cap. D. B.
 Jonathan Caldwell Cap.
 Nathan Adams Capt.
 Joseph Vaughan Capt.
 Charles Poffe Capt.

John Patten Lieut.
 Robt. Wickwood Lieut.
 John Stearns Lieut.
 James Moore Lieut.
 Thos. Holland Major
 Jas. Tilton Surgeon

Original owned by
 Mr. G. S. Morse, Seaford, Del.

25th. George Evans, Esqr. appointing him Lieutenant of New Castle Co. Henry Darby & Samuel Smith Sub Lieutenants of the said County.

Samuel West, Esqr., Lieutenant of Kent County.

Francis Manny & Benjamin Coombs Esqr. Sub Lieuts. of the same County.

Henry Neill, Esqr., Lieutenant of Sussex County.

Nathaniel Waples & Charles Moore Esqr. Sub Lieut. of the same County.

June 8—James Booth, to be Clerk of the Peace for New Castle County.

James Booth, to be Collector of the Customs for the same Co.

Henry Forster, Esqr. to be Lieut-Colonel of the third Regiment of Militia in New Castle County.

June 8, 1778. Issued a Commission appointing the following Persons Justices of the Peace of New Castle County, viz,—

David Finney—Thomas James—William Patterson—George Craghead—George Evans—John Lea—Robert Bryan—Evan Rice—Valentine Dushane—William Allfree—George Latimer—James Black—Isaac Lewis—Peter Hyatt—Joshua Clayton—William Clark—Henry Forster—and John Crawford.—

9—A Commission issued appointing Thomas McDonough, Esqr. Colonel of the third Regiment of Militia in New Castle Co.

10—To Thomas Collins Esqr. to be Brigadier-General of the Militia of Kent County.

Gunning Bedford Esqr. to be Colonel of the second Regiment of Militia in New Castle County.

Robert Bryan Esqr. to be Lieut.-Colonel of the same Regt.

George Latimer Esqr. to be Marshall of the Admiralty for the Delaware State.

RESOLUTIONS OF PRIVY COUNCIL ON EXCHANGE OF MR. MCKINLY

At a Board of the President and Privy Council of the Delaware State on Wednesday the second day of September 1778, at New Castle,
Present

His Excellency, Caesar Rodney Esquire, President

George Evans,

Gunning Bedford,

Thomas McDonough,

George Latimer,

} Esquires, Members of the
Privy Council.

The Board taking into Consideration the unhappy Situation of John McKinly, Esquire, late President of this State, captivated by a Detachment of the British Army in September 1777, at Wilmington, and now a Prisoner under a short Parole, to solicit his Exchange for William Franklin Esqr. late Governor of New Jersey; came to the following Resolution, to wit,

RESOLVED,

That it is the Opinion of this Board, That the said John McKinly, every since the Commencement of the present Contest between Great Britain and America, until his Captivity afsd., took a very active Part in Support of the Liberties of the latter, against the oppressive Measures of the former. That in the Execution thereof he fitted the several Offices of Chairman of the Committee of Inspection

and Observation for New Castle County, Coll. of a Battalion of Militia there, and Brigadier General, President of the Council of Safety, Speaker of the House of Assembly under the present Frame of Government, and lastly that of President and Commander in Chief of the State; and discharged the several Duties with attention Zeal, and Alacrity.

RESOLVED, therefore,

That the President do request the Delegates from this State in Congress to make immediate Application to that Honourable Body, That they would be pleased to take Order, in such Way as to them shall seem most proper, for the speedy Exchange of Mr. McKinly, as his public Services do certainly merit public Favour and Regard.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board,

JAS. BOOTH, Secy.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE DELAWARE REGIMENT.

Colo. David Hall,	Commiss. April 5th 1777	Vacancy Jany. 18-77
Lt. Colo. Chas. Pope	do do	
Majr. Joseph Vaughan	do do	
Captn. 1 John Patton	do Nov. 30th 1776	
2 Robt. Kirkwood	do Decemr. 1st.	
3 James Moore	do 2d.	
4 Enoch Anderson	do 3d.	
5 Jno. Learmouth	do April 5th 1777	
6 Peter Jaquet	do 5th	
Capt. Lieut. John Wilson	Commissd. Decem. 1st. 1776	
Lieuts. 1 John Corse	do 3d	
2 John Rhodes	do 4th	
3 Wm. McKennan	do April, 5th 1777	
4 Danl. Powell Cox	do 5th	
5 George Purvis	do Dec. 3d 1776	2d Lieut. vacancy filled 14th Oct. 1776
6 Paul Quenonault	do April 5th 77	2d Lt. vacancy filled for 1st Jany. 27th 1778
7 James Beattan	do do 5th 77	2d Lt. vacancy filled for 1st Augt. 15 1778
8 Henry Duff	do do 5th "	2d Lt.
Ensigns—1 Caleb Brown	do do 5th "	2d Lt.
to Rank 2 Jno. Hyatt	do do 5th "	2d Lt.
as 2d Lt. 3 Jas. Campbell	do do 5th "	Ensigns vacancy 21st May 78 2d Lt.
4 Caleb Bennett	do do 5th "	do vacancy 15th Augt. 2d Lt.
5 Jos. Horseman	do do 5th "	do vacancy 17th Augt. 2d Lt.
6 Elijah Skillington	do do 5th "	do vacancy 7th Sept. 2d Lt.
7 Charles Kidd	do do 5th "	do vacancy 7th do 2d Lt.
8 Edwd. Roche		
9 Thomas Anderson		
Surgeon, Reuben Gilder		
Mate, John Platt		
Adjutant, George Purvis		
Pay Master Edwd. Roche		
Qr. Mastr. Thos. Anderson		
N. B. Ginathan Harney,	1st Lieut. Jany. 13th 1776	Prisoner Augt. 27th 1776
Alexander Stuart,	1st Lieut. Novem. 28th 1776	do do
Resigned Neglected by the State in Promotion.		

William Barcus Confesses he was going to deal for his mother
Wm. McCombs Confesses he was going to Exchange a Raccoon & some Potatoes
for Salt—

Peter Codrick Confesses that he had been aboard of the fleet & Dealt with them
for some Salt which was dirty & Bad & cost him 15/ per Bushel

Isaac Litman Says he was Taken for driving a wagon Loaded with goods for the
Enemy which belonged to Garret Cruissen

Thos. Barnet Says he went to Jadson to apply for Salt & had some hard money
which he Intended to send for it

Stephen Weeks Says he went aboard of the 2'd division of the fleet & Exchanged
Some Potatoes & 8 fowls for half a Bushel of dirty Salt

Jas. Bullis No evidence Appears & he Says he had no dealings with the Enemy—

Rob't. Morris was hired with John Allee was on board the English fleet but Says
he had no dealings

Benja'. Fowler Confesses he was going to Exchange Some Apples for Salt and
Brimstone for Amy McKee

Xtopher Burch Says he went with One Turkey on board the fleet to Exchange it
for Salt but got none he sold the Turkey for half a dollar—

John Allee Says he took six Bushels of Indian corn on board the fleet which he
Exchanged for Some Salt & Sold the Rest for 3/9 per Bushel

Will : Semetry is a Servet to Jadson & goes with him in the Shallop

Benja Jones Says he took some geese to Jadsions Shallop in order to procure salt
for them

Sr.

We have Sent you Joseph Jadison, Charles Hudson, Isaac Carson, James Moore,
John Allee & Jacob Dayken as Principles in the Illicit Trade carried on from Duck
Creek with John Vanluvenigh the procecuter, all the Rest have Acknowledged
their Error & Taken the Oath of Allegence to the State on which they were dis-
charged by y'r Humble Serv't. & —

To Brigadire Gen'l Patterson
Nov. 8'th 1777

THOS. McDONOUGH
GUNNING BEDFORD
HENRY FORSTER
ROB'T. BRYAN

DEPRECIATION OF PAY

The Auditors appointed by law, to settle the Depreciation of the Pay-Accounts
of all the Officers, and private men of the Delaware Regiment, and of divers other
Persons in the several Departments of the Army, who are credited to this State as
part of the quota of the Land forces thereof, beg leave to certify his Excellency
the President of the State; that in persuance of their said appointment, the Auditors,
after having been duly qualified, have as far as in them lay, performed the Duty
enjoined them, and now present herewith to his Excellency for his perusal and
approbation, the several Papers marked or numbered, containing an estimate in
specie of all the Continental money received on account of their pay, and the amount
in specie also of the Depreciation, of the pay of all the commissioned and staff
Officers severally and respectively within the intention of said appointment, from
the first day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and
Seventy Seven, to the first day of April in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred
and Eighty, with the addition of their pay from thence to the first day of August
next following, to wit. for four months; for it does not appear they received any
pay, either for or during that time; which makes up a part of the time to which
the Auditors are limited—They also lay before his Excellency a book or Schedule
containing the estimate of all the continental monies received on account of their
pay, and the amount in specie of the Depreciation for the time aforesaid of all the
pay of non-commissioned Officers and severally the private men within the mean-
ing of the appointment aforesaid with the like addition of four months pay as
mentioned above in the case of the commissioned staff and Officers. The Auditors
further certify his Excellency that they are far from thinking the amounts contained
in the Book or Schedule now delivered are all just, or even free from gross errors—
the want of muster, or pay-rolls for a great part of the time above mentioned, and the
inaccuracy of those provided must necessarily have occasioned great omissions
and mistakes to be made in adjusting these accounts, altho the Auditors exercised
the utmost care and attention to avoid that inconvenience; however they are of
opinion, that from the state of these accounts, and better information of the time
each private has been in the continental service, when they can be had, these
mistakes and omissions may be rightly corrected and the intention of the Law
fully answered.

HENRY FISHER TO STATE NAVY BOARD, 1778.

Gentlemen,

On Saturday last, came in and Anchor'd in our Road, a Sixty Four gun ship; she lay there about three hours, and then hove up and went out, and anchor'd abreast of the light House. On Sunday, about Four O'clock, Came in a Small Black Sloop, which she Brought too; and last Night, she and the Sloop went to sea and have not been seen since.

This Day, about noon, Came in Seven Ships, which I take to be Store ships; at Most, there is not above one arm'd Vessel with them, and she not more than a Sloop of War. They are all standing up the Bay, with the wind At South. They Appear as if they were much at a loss to Know what to doe. They are going up under a Very Small Sail, and to all Appearance will not go farther up than the Brown; for I Belave they lave lost their Convoy. Having no more to add, I Remain your Most Humble Servant at Command,

HENRY FISHER.

Lewis, Augt. 17, 1778.

To the Honorable, the State Navy Board, Philadelphia.

Two O'Clock when the Mg. Express sett off.

H. FISHER.

Mr. Evans, Please to send of this letter to Dover with all the Speed you Can; and all others that Keep the Stage horse are Requested to doe Same.

H. FISHER.

To be Delivered to Collol Bedford to be forward to Philada; if the French Frigate is at New Castle to Send her Notice.

To Collol Bedford, New Castle.

F. BATTELL.

New Castle, Augt. 18th.

The Express came to my hands about 9 O'Clock, P. M. & forwarded from hence at 10 O'Clock. The Copy was immediately receiv'd by an Officer of the French Frigate, & taken on Board to the Captain.

G. BEDFORD.

Wilmington, Augt 19th, 1778.

Came to my hands at this place, about half past one O'Clock, this morning, & forwarded by Express.

FRANs WADE, D. Q. M. G.

Directed,

To the Honorable, the State Navy Board, Philadelphia.

Per Express.

Pennsylvania Archives VI: 706-7.

PRES. REED TO HENRY FISHER, 1779.

In Council,
Philadelphia, May 11th, 1779.

Sir,

I have just received Advice that on the 7th Inst., a Fleet sailed from New York with a Number of Troops on board, its Destination uncertain; supposed by some to the West Indies or Georgia, & by others to Baltimore or some Port in the middle States. We think it incumbent on us to keep a proper Lookout, for tho' this City may not be the Object of their Attack, it is probable they may show themselves at the Capes, with a View to alarm & harass us. I have therefore directed Capt. Roach to go down to you to request you will with your usual Alacrity & Diligence give us all the needful Assistance, & if they should make their Appearance, send the earliest Intelligence by an Express, directing him to keep it an entire Secret on the Road & here, that the Authority of the State having the first Information proper Measures may be taken to prevent that Consternation & Confusion which is apt to take Place in large Cities upon the expected approach of an Enemy. If it is convenient we would wish you to accompany Capt. Roach to Cape May, & there fix Matters in such a Manner that an Express may come from thence under the same Restriction, if the first Appearance should be on that Shore. Besides all necessary Expenses, we shall give the Messengers, if they should come & do their Duty a handsome Gratuity, & shall pay a proper Attention to your Services.

I am, Sir,

Your very Hb'ble. Ser.,

J. R.

Directed,

To Henry Fisher, Esq., at Lewis Town.

Pennsylvania Archives VII: 290.

HENRY FISHER TO PRES. REED, 1779.

Sir,

I received your letter by Captain Roach, the contents you may Relie on shall be strictly observed by me, and I shall take Care to give you the Earliest Advice upon the appearance of any number of Ships that is seen from this Place.

I likewise have been over to Cape May with Captain Roach, and agree'd with Mr. Abraham Bennett to Doe the like at their Cape. Mr. Bennett is a very good man, and his house Commands a fine Prospect of the Sea to the Eastward. I have the Pleasure to inform you that there has not been seen from here any of the British Cruicers this two weeks Past.

I am Sir, with due respect,

your very humble servant,

HENRY FISHER.

Lewis, May 18, 1779.

Directed,

To his Excellency Joseph Reed, Esqr., Philadelphia. Pr Captain Isaac Roach,
Public Service.

Pennsylvania Archives VII: 410.