

Resignation of
James R Black
County of My Story in
N County.



Belmont

George Town

Peter Robinson Esquire

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Newcastle April 10th 1844

Dear Sir

The enclosed Commission of Military Commissary, I did not feel myself at liberty either to accept or reject, until I could obtain a knowledge of the provisions of the resolution of the Legislature authorizing the appointment. I received a printed copy of the acts of the late Session on Thursday last and after ^{an} examination of the duties, security & required of the Commissary of Military Stores, by the resolution, I am compelled to decline the acceptance of that Commission.

My objections arise solely from the extravagant security required. The Legislature require that the Commissary shall give his own Bond with two sufficient and approved sureties unitable with him in the sum of \$5000 for the safe keeping, clearing &c. of the arms, and then provides that his disbursements shall be settled & allowed by the Legislature, and a compensation such as may be thought proper granted by them. I would not ask two of my friends to sign a Bond for me in the penalty of \$5000, unless under some very strong circumstances when the object would justify the request. Here the Legislature may or not allow those sums which the Commissary may be compelled in exercising his office to incur and he has no

certain compensation to indemnify himself for
such expenditures as he may make and which
afterwards may be disallowed. - Had a sum
been required in a lump sum & our good sen-
-ty been thought sufficient, I would without hesi-
-tation have taken the Commission during the
continuance of the War at least, and trusted
to being remunerated such moneys as I might
actually expend in the necessary duties of the office
but I cannot ask two of my friends to join me
in such a Bond as the Legislature has required
to be given, before entering on the duties of the Com-
-missioner's office, as I am strongly inclined to believe
that if either of those friends were to make a like
request in the same case, to me, that I should
decline complying with it.

Farewell

Respectfully

Do me the favor of
mentioning to the Governor
my reasons for declining
the acceptance of the Commission.

Your Friend

J. D. H. M.
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P. Robinson

Secretary of the State of Delaware

DELAWARE, SS.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE

To James R Black Esq



Dan Rodney

Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRI
and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do const
Commissary of Military Stores in ————— the *Coun*
~~Regiment of Militia~~: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge t
of Military Stores by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto
and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to
as *Commissary* ————— so you are likewise to observe and follow s
from time to time, as you shall receive from the Governor of this State, for th
of your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pur
in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner l
void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Witness *Daniel Rodney* — Governor of the said State, at *Go.*
day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
the *thirty eighth* — year of the Independence of the said State.

BY THE GOVERNOR,

Peter Robinson

Secretary of the State of Delaware.

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THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

To *James R Black Esquire*

Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRIOTISM, VALOUR, CONDUCT and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, DO constitute and appoint you to be *Commissary of Military Stores in* _____ the *County of Newcastle* _____ ~~Regiment of Militia~~: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *Commissary of Military Stores* by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging: and all officers and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to be obedient to your orders as *Commissary* _____ so you are likewise to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from the Governor of this State, for the time being, or from any of your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance to the trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner lawfully annulled and made void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Witness *Daniel Rodney* — Governor of the said State, at *Geo. Town* the *third* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fourteen* — and in the *thirty eighth* — year of the Independence of the said State.

OR
Secretary of the State of Delaware.

Commission of
Military Commissary

for

James R Black Esq^r

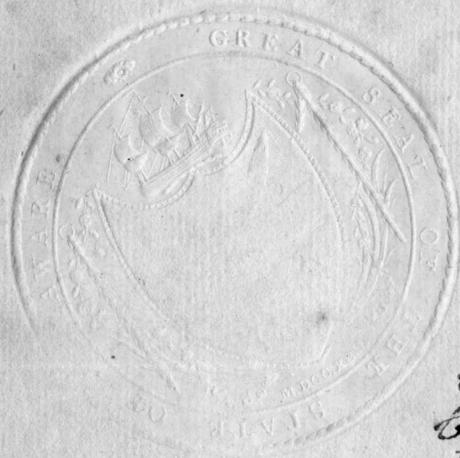
New Castle

Peter J Wright Esq^r
Captⁿ of a Troop of
the Cavalry attached
to the 7th Regiment
of Delaware Militia

1815 March 7th I do hereby resign the within
Commission — Peter J Wright

D. F. Douglass
Wilmington
& County Clerk

DELAWARE, SS.



THE STATE OF DELAWARE

To *Peter F. Wright Esquire*

Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRIO and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute *Captain of a company of Cavalry or Troop of Horse attached to the third Regiment of Militia*: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of *Captain* by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto becoming and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to be obedient as *Captain* so you are likewise to observe and follow such orders from time to time, as you shall receive from the Governor of this State, for the service of your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the laws in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner lawfully void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Danl Rodney

Witness *Daniel Rodney* — Governor of the said State, at *George* day of *March* — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *of* the *thirty eighth* — year of the Independence of the said State.

BY THE GOVERNOR,

Peter Robinson

Secretary of the State of Delaware.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

To *Peter J. Wright Esquire*

Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRIOTISM, VALOUR, CONDUCT and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute and appoint you to be *Captain of a company of Cavalry or Troop of Horse attached to the Third Brigade* of Militia: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *Captain* by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging: and all officers and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to be obedient to your orders *Captain* so you are likewise to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from the Governor of this State, for the time being, or from any your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance to the trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner lawfully annulled and made void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Witness *Daniel Rodney* — Governor of the said State, at *George Town* the *eight* of *March* — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fourteen* and in *thirty eighth* — year of the Independence of the said State.

Lawrence Ryley Majorth
of the Battalion of 7th
Regiment -

James Ryley
Major of 7th Regt
do assign this
Comm. to you.

DELAWARE, SS.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE

To *Lawrence Riley*



Dan Rodney

Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRIOTISM and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute and appoint *Major of the first Battalion of* _____ the *Seventh* Regiment of Militia: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of *Major* _____ by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto required of you and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to obey the orders of *Major* _____ so you are likewise to observe and follow the orders of your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the laws of this State, and in conformity with the orders of your superiors in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner lawfully void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Witness *Dan Rodney* _____ Governor of the said State, at *Geo.* _____ day of *Apr.* _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and the *38th* _____ year of the Independence of the said State.

BY THE GOVERNOR,

Peter Robinson
Secretary of the State of Delaware.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

To *Lawrence Riley*

Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRIOTISM, VALOUR, CONDUCT and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute and appoint you to be *Major of the first Battalion of* _____ the *Seventh* _____ Regiment of Militia: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *Major* _____ by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging: and all officers and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to be obedient to your orders as *Major* _____ so you are likewise to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from the Governor of this State, for the time being, or from any of your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance to the trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner lawfully annulled and made void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Witness *Dan^l Rodney* _____ Governor of the said State, at *Geo. Town* the *Thirtieth* _____
y of *Apr* _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *14* _____ and in
e *38th* _____ year of the Independence of the said State.

Peter Robinson
Secretary of the State of Delaware.

Eli Colescott,

Resignation

7th Comp. 6th

Regt.

Ensign



BY THE GOVERNMENT

This is to Certify that I wish to resign my Commission of Ensign as I am going out of the district and I return Mr. John Hickman in my place as he was chosen by the Company resigned this 12 day of June Eighteen Hundred and fifteen

Daniel Rodney Govt Eli Colescott

Eli Colescott Esq
Ensign 7th Company
6th Regt

Geo. Town Del
June 29th 1814

8 cents

Col. Robert Gill

Milford

Del.

DELAWARE, SS.



THE STATE OF DELAWARE

To *Wm Coluscott*

Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRIOTISM and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute and appoint you *Ensign of the Seventh Company of* _____ the *Sixth* Regiment of Militia: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duties of an *Ensign* by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to be obedient to the commands of you as *Ensign* so you are likewise to observe and follow such orders as shall be given you from time to time, as you shall receive from the Governor of this State, for the service of your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the laws of this State in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner lawfully void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Dan Rodney

Witness *Daniel Rodney* — Governor of the said State, at *Geo. Town* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and the *38th* year of the Independence of the said State.

BY THE GOVERNOR,

Peter Robinson

Secretary of the State of Delaware.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

To *Wm Coliscott*

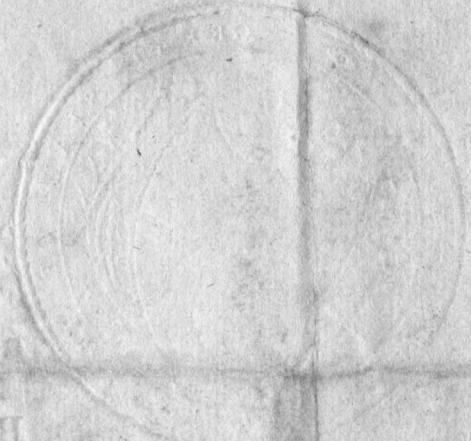
Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRIOTISM, VALOUR, CONDUCT and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute and appoint you to be *Ensign of the Seventh Company of* _____ the *Sixth* _____ Regiment of Militia: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *Ensign* _____ by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging: and all officers and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to be obedient to your orders as *Ensign* _____ so you are likewise to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from the Governor of this State, for the time being, or from any of your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance to the trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner lawfully annulled and made void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Witness *Daniel Rodney* _____ Governor of the said State, at *Geo. Town* the *18th* _____ of *June* _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fourteen* _____ and in *38th* _____ year of the Independence of the said State.

Secretary of the State of Delaware.

Henry Wallace Capt of the
Light Infantry Compt
— Battalion 9 Regt —

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... and ...
... of Militia: you are therefore,
... by doing and perform
... and soldiers under your command, and
... as you
... from that time, as you shall receive
... of your superior officers, according to the
... in you. This commission to continue in
... void. In testimony whereof, the Great
...
...
... in the year of our
... year of 1862

BY THE GOVERNOR

Henry Wallace
Designator.

I Do hereby resign all my right title claim and
Demand of my and to the within Jurisdiction
Given under my hand on this 15. day of April 1815

Wm Wallace

DELAWARE, SS.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE

To Henry Wallace

Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRIOT and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute *Captain of the Light Infantry Company attached to first — Battalion of* Regiment of Militia: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the *Captain* — by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto be and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to be as *Captain* — so you are likewise to observe and follow such from time to time, as you shall receive from the Governor of this State, for the of your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursua in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner law void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Witness *Daniel Rodney* — Governor of the said State, at *Geo. Town* day of *November* — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and the *39th* year of the Independence of the said State.

BY THE GOVERNOR,

P. Robinson

Secretary of the State of Delaware.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

To Henry Wallace

Know you, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your PATRIOTISM, VALOUR, CONDUCT and FIDELITY, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute and appoint you to be *Captain of the Light Infantry Company attached to first — Battalion of the Drinks —* Regiment of Militia: you are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *Captain —* by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging: and all officers and soldiers under your command, are hereby strictly charged and required to be obedient to your orders *Captain —* so you are likewise to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from the Governor of this State, for the time being, or from any your superior officers, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance to the trust reposed in you. This commission to continue in force for seven years, unless sooner lawfully annulled and made void. In testimony whereof, the Great Seal of the State is hereunto affixed.

Witness *Daniel Rodney —* Governor of the said State, at *New Town* the *Twenty third* of *November* — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fourteen* — and in *39th* year of the Independence of the said State.

Secretary of the State of Delaware.

Canterbury 23^d May 1814

Honoured Sir,

Permit me to return you
the Commission you were pleased to Honour
me with, as Captain of the fifth Company,
of the Fifth Regiment of Delaware Militia;
and with it, accept My ^{grateful} ~~best~~ Thanks for
the Honour you intended me - Permit me
Sir, to recommend to your Excellency,
Messrs James Kees, who has heretofore been
Lieutenant of said Company, and who
claims the appointment by Seniority, as
a suitable person to fill the office,
and a Man generally approved of by
the Company - Respectfully your Most
Obedt Servt

Stephen Walston

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Sic You will perceive by the within that Cap Watson has sent the Com^o to me which you forwarded to him a short time since - Mr Key has been with me, and there appears to be an understanding with them and the Com^o that this is to be Capt^r and Watson Lieut^t

I have ordered, or the Brigad^r has ordered Cap. Wright to detach a serjant and 6 or 8 Troopers for this service, for 2 mo unless soon discharged

Yours

D. Rosney

Aug 25 1814

P. Robinson Esq^r

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P. Robinson Esq^r

Watson Watson
inspired at Capt. A
5 Sept. 1814

George town february 14th 1814
Samuel Rodney Esq

Sen I Resign my Commission as Major of the
Eighth Regiment and recommend Matthew Reed
in my place He being the oldest Captain in my
Regiment I cannot find my Commission but
this shall be your sufficient authority for my
Resignation

your Respected friend &c

Wentworth Harris

Resignation of
Major Harris

The Board of War of Major Harris
has received from

the Honorable the Secretary of War
the following order
in relation to the resignation of
Major Harris

That the resignation of Major Harris
be accepted and that he be
discharged from the service
of the United States Army
with the rank of Major

and the pay and allowances
to which he is entitled

be paid

in full

Respectable of
J. Martin of
his intention to
the Captaincy to
James and Company
ad. 5. 24. 17

Peter Robinson Esq.
Georgetown Del

I do hereby resign all my right of pretensions
to the Captancy of the Grenada Company —
attached to the 8th Regiment of Delaware Militia

Peter Robinson Esq

J. S. Martin

22^d March 1814

Honored,

Sir. I have Resigned my Commission
as Captain, finding it out of my
Power to serve in that Line, But wish
to Recommend Mr. Henry Waller who
I think a man fit to fill the Place
I am with Respects Sir your Obedt
Servt

Wingate Commr

Apr. 9th 1814

To

Mr Daniel Rodney
Governor of
the State of New York

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Canterbury Apr. 21. 1814

Sir From a combination of Co-operating Circumstances tending to make it necessary for me to Resign my Commission as Captain of 5 Comp. of 5 Regt. of D. Militia. — The principal of which Cause is my Removal out of the district —

Permit Me Sir at the same time of tendering my Resignation, to recommend to your Notice two persons of equal Claims to the Captaincy in said district Mr. James Kees who has been Commissioned as Lieut. in the Company of which I have had the Honour to Command, of Course in point of grade has Claim to the Captaincy in the other gentleman alluded to A. W. Stephen Wakton, lately removed from the adjoining district into the district now in question. who has held a Lieut. Commission of which he has acquitted himself with great propriety and applause — so much so no doubt rests on my mind but he would be the choice of a major part of the Comp. a man Ever favourable to the peace party of this Country, of sound Judgment and unshaken integrity — Whereas Mr. Kees is a man hostile to Peace and ordinary

Company of which I name
to Command, of Course in point of grade has
claim to the Captaincy, the other gentleman
alluded to, A. M^r Stephen Wakton, lately removed
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able to the peace party of this Country, of sound
Judgm^t and unshaken integrity -- whereas M^r
Hess is a man hostile to Peace and ordinary
-ly Capacitated -- also permit me Sir to
name and recommend two persons in competition as
Lieut^{ts} M^r Jonathan Downham a man who
has acted in said Company as Ensign, tho never
Commissioned, by M^r Hallett tho a man of the
same political opinions, tho M^r Downham made

Application for the Commission as before observ-
-ed was not Commissioned. - Consequently Sir you
must suppose a Considerable Cause must have
Existed otherwise he certainly would have been
Commissioned - - - The other gentleman whom
I allude to as a Competitor is a Mr. William Ande-
-son a man of patriotism and integrity who
Served his tour with Capt. Green at Lewiston
also decided ever in favour of Federalism and
order - Also permit me Sir to recommend Mr
James Henderson as Ensign in said Company
as a man no doubt who will acquit him-
self with honour if Commissioned -

after what has been said said Sir in
regard to the gentlemen in competition for
office you Sir no doubt will act as you
think proper which I have no doubt will
meet the approbation of the Company - and Sir
permit me to remind you of the disorganized
state of the Company at present and the
necessity of a speedy organization by Comm-
-issing the several officers necessary
- I am Sir your Obedt & Humble Servt

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Benedic Anderson

His Excellency B. Rodney Esq^r

Canterbury. S
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His Excellency Genl. Rodney Esq. 16

Governor of State of Delaware

Lewistown

Prindle & Anderson's
Printers
501 N. 21st St. Phila. Pa.
5 Oct. 21 June 1814

Saturday, March the 5th 1814

The members of the military company of Dover after previous notice being given met at the House of Abel Haines to choose officers to supply the vacancies occasioned by the Emigration of Capt^l James Stewart and John Murrey first Lieutenant, and Mr Nathaniel Hays was sent to the school and Mr Philip Hanson was appointed Secretary, and Lieut^l Wintemore Sipple was nominated and unanimously appointed Capt^l of the first company of militia attached to the 2^d brigade of the D.M. to fill the place of Capt^l James Stewart and Mr Nathaniel Hays was nominated and appointed first Lieut^l of said company to fill the place of Lieut^l Murrey, and Mr John Draper was also appointed second Lieut^l of said company to fill the place of Lieut^l Sipple if he should be appointed Capt^l, signed by order of the meeting - Nathaniel Hays chairman
attest Philip Hanson Secy

I do hereby certify the above to be a copy of the meeting and that Mr Sipple is a man who I think will make an excellent officer who has been some time in the service and is a skillfull and brave man, and he and the two

Lieutenants, and Mr Nathaniel Hays, was sent
to the head and Mr Philip Hanson was appointed
Secretary, and Lieut Waitman Sipple was nomina-
ted and unanimously appointed Capt of the first
Company of artillery attached to the 2^d Brigade
of the Det to fill the place of Capt James Stewart
and Mr Nathaniel Hays was nominated and
appointed first Lieut of said Company to
fill the place of Lieut Murrey, and Mr John
Drazer was also appointed second Lieut of
said Company to fill the place of Lieut Sipple
if he should be appointed Capt, signed by order
of the meeting - Nathaniel Hays chairman
attest Philip Hanson Secy

I do hereby certify the above to be a copy of the
meeting and that Mr Sipple is a man who
I think will make an excellent officer who
has been some time in the service and is a
skillful and brave man, and he and the two
Lieutenants will give general satisfaction
and cheerfully obey any call made by their
Commissioners, and at their Request I send this to
you to get their Commission and if the Governor
grants them please to enclose the same to them by
mail to Dover as soon as possible as they have no
office to Commission them. I remain your obedt Servant
Peter Robinson Secy Richard Harrington

DOVER. DE.
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Resignation of
the officers of
Military Company
of 2^d Brigade

Peter Robinson Esquire
Secretary of the State
of Delaware
George Town—

Artillery Company
London.

Those men are on their firm ground
who may be surprised in 1794

I do hereby certify that on the first day of November, one
Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen, I did present the
commission (with which I had been Honoured) ^{as Captain} together with
my Resignation in writing; to Willard Hall Esq^r and
He informed me that the same was accepted by the Governour
Dover March 21st 1814

I also Recommend the applicants as the choice of the company
to fill the several stations—James Stewart Lt. Col^r
to wit. William Sipple Capt^t
Nathaniel Hayes 1st Lieut.
John Draper 2^d Lieut.

Dover March 21st 1814

I do hereby Certify that some time in November
one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen I did present
the commission with which I had been Honoured as first
Lieutenant to Willard Hall Esq^r together with my
~~Resignation in writing; which He informs me, ^{was} accepted~~
~~by the Governour~~

John W. Mann 1st Lieut.

I also Recommend the above as the choice of the company