

Balt. May 6.th 1776

Sir, During the last session of our Convention, I was
Entered upon the List of Applicants, who proffered
their services to the Province and was ready to stand
forth in Vindication of our much injured American
Rights, and also desirous of some Military
appointment, From the Voluminous Catalogue of
Candidates my being an Utter Stranger to the Major
Part of the Delegates and the want of Friends to
mediate on my Behalf, I was Disappointed in my
Expectations and consequently my Application was
passed over unnoticed, Immediately after the Officers
Received their Commissions and entered upon the
Recruiting Service, being Determined to participate
in our present just Struggles - I enrolled myself - as
a Non Commissioned Officer, in Cap. Ramseys Comd
of Regulars, and now Officiate in that Capacity -
As there is now two Vacancies in the Company
here in Baltimore for Promotion, I hope for you will
do your Endeavours to put me in one of them -

1st Lieutenant Campbell left Capt. Smiths Company and
2^d Lieutenant Baxter left Capt. Ewings Company, you
Sir, are well acquainted with my Father and Family
and ~~am~~ am sure you can use a great deal of Interest
with the Council of Safety to promote me
I pray dont forget me I am fir your most Obedt Serv.
John Gaspaway



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