Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

ARRANGEMENT OF VIRGINIA CONTINENTAL FIELD OFFICERS, WINTER 1777-1778 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[The first document is a draft arrangement for filling vacancies resulting from resignations and deaths of Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels. It is dated 15 Oct 1777 and probably drafted at Valley Forge. See endnotes for complete names. Transcribed from http://www.fold3.com/image/#9947091.]

At a meeting of the General & Field Officers of the Virg'a. line agreeable to the request of his Excellency [Gen. Washington] we have setled the rank of the Field Officers by virtue of Deaths & resignations in the following manner, Viz

By the resignation of Colo. Elliot 25th Sept

Lt. Colo. W. Neilson to the rank of Lt. Colo. of the [?]th

Maj'r. G. Lyne to that of Lt. Colo. [ink blot] Nelson

Capt. Geo. Slaughter to that of Major

By the Death of Colo. Seayres. 4th Octo'r. 1777

Maj'r. Geo. Nicholas to the rank of Lt. Colo.

Capt. S Hawes to that of Major.

By the resignation of Colo. Spotswood 9th Octb'r Lt. Colo. Febiger to the rank of Colo. Maj'r. Richeson to that of Lt. Colo & Capt. [blank] to that of Major

We find it impracticable to proceed farther for want of the regimental returns

October 15th 1777 Peter Muhlenberg BG.

Lt. Col. Febiger Col 2^d or vice Spotswood

Maj'r. Lyne Lt. Col. 9th.

Capt. Slaughter Maj'r. 12th. vice Lyne Resign'd 4th Nov'r 1777

Maj'r. Nicholas Lt. Col. 11th.

Capt. Hawes Maj'r. 10th vice Nicholas

Lt. Col. Gibson Col. 6th.

Maj'r. Richeson Lt. Col. [illegible] vice Nelson

His Commission deliv'd him Dated 9th Octo.

[The following arrangement is not dated, but it was probably compiled soon after the above draft. Transcribed from http://www.fold3.com/image/#9947081.]

Arrangement of the Officers in the Virginia Line

Colo. Elliotts resignation promoted Lt Colo. Fibecker Maj'r Lyne & Capt Slaughter

Lt. Colo. Joynes Death Maj'r. Ballard

or Richeson } Capt'n. Hawes

Colo. Spotswood's Resignation Lt. Colo. Gibson. Maj'r Ballard

or Richeson } Capt'n. Brent

Lt. Colo. Nelsons Maj'r. Alexander & Capt'n. Wallace Lt Colo. Markham's disgrace Maj'r. Cropper & Capt'n. Dickinson Lt. Colo. Lynes resignation Maj'r. Dark & Capt'n. Gaskins Lt. Colo. Willis resignation Maj'r. West & Capt'n. Hopkins

If the Vacancies to which those gentlemen, who are taken Prisoners are entitled, are not to be filld up by them, Then Major West comes into the Vacancy to which Major Dark was entitled - Maj'r Joynes is the next in Succession to major West, but as he is a prisoner Major Ball is the next. & entitled to Colo. Willis's Vacancy. P. Muhlenberg BG.

NOTES:

Col. John Sayres was killed at the Battle of Germantown.

Maj. George Nicholas was promoted to Lt. Col. 15 Oct 1777.

The events noted in the arrangement are as follows:

Colo. Thomas Elliott resigned from the 4 th	Reg. 28 Sep 1777

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from Lt. Col. 11 th Reg.	to Col. 2 nd Reg.	26 Sep 1777	
from Maj. 13 th Reg.	to Lt. Col. 9 th Reg.	28 Sep 1777	
from Capt. 8 th Reg.	to Maj. 12 th Reg.	9 Oct 1777	
Lt. Col. Levin Joynes did not die: wounded and captured at the Battle of Germantown, 4 Oct 1777			
from Maj. 1 st Reg.	to Lt. Col. 4 th Reg.	14 Sep 1777	
from Maj. 15 th Reg	to Lt. Col. 7 th Reg.	9 Oct 1777	
from Capt. 2 nd Reg.	to Maj. 10 th Reg.	4 Oct 1777	
Col. Alexander Spotswood resigned from the 2 nd Reg. 9 Oct 1777			
from Lt. Col. 13 th Reg.	to Col. 6 th Reg.	27 Oct 1777	
Robert Ballard or Holt Richeson (see above)			
from Capt. 4 th Reg.	to Maj. 4 th Reg.	4 Oct 1777	
Lt. Col. William Nelson promoted from 7 th Reg. to Col. 8 th Reg. 15 Oct 1777			
resigned as Maj. 8 th Reg.		1 Dec 1777	
from Capt. 3 rd Reg.	to Maj. 15 th Reg.	4 Oct 1777	
Lt. Col. John Markham of 8 th Reg. cashiered 26 Oct 1777			
from Maj. 7 th Reg.	to Lt. Col. 11 th Reg.	27 Oct 1777	
from Capt. 1 st Reg.	to Maj. 1 st Reg.	26 Oct 1777	
Lt. Col. George Lyne (see above) resigned from 9 th Reg. 14 Nov 1777			
Maj. William Darke of 8 th Reg. wounded and captured at Germantown 4 Oct 1777;			
exchanged 1 Nov 1780; promoted to Lt. Col. while a prisoner 29 Nov 177		29 Nov 1777	
from Capt. 5 th Reg.	to Maj. 5 th Reg.	5 Nov 1777	
Lt. Col. Lewis Willis resigned from 10 th Reg. 1 Mar 1778			
Maj. Charles West (resigned from 3 rd Reg. 6 Jul 1778)			
from Capt. 6 th Reg.	to Maj. 6 th Reg.	29 Nov 1777	
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