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J. M. Scott

His Excellency
Joseph Reed Esquire
President in Council

York May 7th 1776

I beg leave to inform your Excellency that I lately rec^d. a resolve of Council; ordering the Tay Masters of Militia of this State to pay off the seven Months Men at the rate fifty shilling of Continental Money per Month; and that the Lieutenant of the several Counties should advance Money out of the Militia stores for that purpose; on rec^d. of which I wrote to the House of Assembly then sitting requesting of them to recommend some proper persons to Council to be appointed Tay Masters for our County and also wrote to Col^l Thompson to know what sum the men were to receive; and well know that the Men were encouraged to expect pay equal to what Money was in the year 1776. but rec^d. no answer. The number of Officers for our County on their return tells me that there was not any Tay Master appointed in which I wrote again to Col^l Thompson and directed the bearer, in case the Col^l was absent, to request of Council to open the Letter, wherein I had requested to know whether the Sub Lieutenants and myself might, each in his own District, pay the Men and settle it in account; but received no answer. The Men are in great want of the Money and I blame me that they are not paid

therefore

Therefore humbly begs of the Honourable the
Council, to direct some way by which the
Men. may get their pay. and I be relieved from
the intolerable burthen which I daily bear,
I should; long ere now have settled the account of
Purchasing Meat last Summer. but that the
Cattle broke out of the Pasture and strid away, some
of which are not yet found, others have been
slanted by those who had found them for which
I am not yet paid, and I have been so much
engaged of late in Providing for the Troop here
that I could not attend to anything else. but expects
now to be able in a few weeks, to settle the whole
and will then send down the Counters parts of the
Certificates, and also the account of the Militia
Fines as far as they have come to hand which
I hope in a short time will be all collected
I shall at all times account myself happy in
receiving your Excellency's commands
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Your Excellency,
very obedient
Humble serv^t

Wm Pitt