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Virginia documents pertaining to Sampson Mathews VAS2023
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To the Honorable the general assembly of Virginia,

The memorial of Sampson Mathews Lieut [County Lieutenant] of Augusta County humbly sheweth.

The notwithstanding near four hundred of the militia of Augusta have been call'd into actual service by his Excellency, no field Officer has been ordered; which has been productive of a general complaint from the field officers of the first & second Battalions of the militia, as will appear by their letter directed to me, to which our memorialist begs leave to refer

Your memorialist beg leave to observe that nothing but the love of our Country & the support of the great and noble cause we are engaged in prevented the Field officers and myself from resigning our Commissions immediately in such a degradation

Your memorialist pray that the matter may be taken into consideration and that some assurance may be given to the Field officers that care will be taken in future to prevent such extention of power, which if continued will be productive of confusion.

And your memorialist as in duty bound will pray

D'r Sir [Collo. Sampson Mathews Lieut. of Augusta]

Staunton November the 18th 1780

We the field officers of the first and second Batt's. of the Augusta Militia would beg leave to inform you, that from the late orders of his Excellency the Governor to draft the militia although there is nearly four Hundred of our men on duty no officer above the Rank of Capt is ordered to head them notwithstanding the late powers given by the assembly to the Governor & council we cant conceive it was their intention to exclude altogether the field officers of the militia from duty as we have and are always ready to venture our lives at the he head of our militia and we flatter ourselves we shall not be wanting in the field more than our southwesteren nighbours. therefore we now Request of you Sir to lay this matter before the assembly by way of memorial or any other ways that you may think propper for a Revisal or amendment of that late Law which have excluded some of us from Rendering that duty which we think our Honour called upon us to perform, otherways we must beg leave of Resigning our commissions as Honour alone point out to us the impropriety of holding them longer. we are D'r Sir with due Respect & Esteem y'r most H'ble Servants

Geo. Moffett Col [George Moffett] }

Wm Bowyer Leut Collo [William Bowyer VAS1811] } First Batt.

Alex'r Robertson Maj'r [Alexander Robertson] }

Thos. Hughart Colo [Thomas Hughart] 2^d Battallion

John McCreery Lieutt Coll

And'w Lockridge Major [Andrew Lockridge]

December 12th 1780 Referred to propositions.