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ARRANGEMENT OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE VIRGINIA CONTINENTAL LINE,
MIDDLEBROOK NJ, MARCH 1779

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Regimental Arrangements of the Virginia line containing the Officers in Service, the Prisoners and Supernumeries, as finally setted at Middle Brook March 1779

It is to be observed that all vacancies for Prisoners, subsequent to the commenment of the Arrangement at White Plains are less open for them. [See endnote.]

Ranks	No	Names	Reg't	Date of Commission
Colonels	1	Daniel Morgan	7	November 12 th 1776
	2	James Wood	8	D'o 12 D'o
	3	William Russell	5	December 19 D'o
	4	Christian Fibiger [Christian Febiger]	2	September 26 1778
	5	John Gibson	9	October 25 D'o
	6	John Nevill	4	December 11 D'o
	7	John Green	6	January 26 1778
	8	Richard Parker	1	February 10 D'o
	9	William Davies	10	March 20 D'o
	10	William Heath [William Heth]	3	April 30 D'o
	11	Abraham Buford	11	May 16 D'o
Lieut Colo	1	Charles Simms	2	July 12 1777
	2	Robert Ballard	4	October 4 D'o
	11	Holt Richeson resigned} Sam'l J Cabell [Samuel Jordan Cabell]	5	May 12 1779
	3	4 John Cropper	7	D'o 27 1777
	4	5 Burges Ball	1	December 17 D'o
	5	6 Richard Campbell	9	February 20 1778
	6	7 Samuel Hawes	6	March 1 D'o
	7	8 Gustavus Brown Wallace	11	D'o 20 D'o
	8	9 Thomas Gaskins	3	May 16 D'o
	9	10 Samuel Hopkins	10	June 19 D'o
	10	11 Charles Flemming [Charles Fleming]	8	D'o 28 D'o

Majors	1	Samuel Jordan Cabell promoted} A Wagoner [Andrew Waggener]	10	May	10 1779
	1	Jonathan Clark	8	January	10 1778
	2	John Webb	5	D'o	26 D'o
	3	Richard Taylor	9	Feb	4 D'o
	4	Richard Clough Anderson	1	[D'o]	10 D'o
	5	Thomas Massey [Thomas Massie]	2	[D'o]	20 D'o
	6	Thomas Ridley	6	March	1 D'o
	7	James Lucas	3	April	23 D'o
	8	Thomas Posey	5	D'o	30 D'o
	9	David Stevenson [David Stephenson]	11	May	4 D'o
	10	William Croghan	4	D'o	16 D'o

Field Officers

Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
Colonel	George Mathews	
Lieut Colon'l	William Darke Levin Joynes Oliver Towles	November 29 th 1777 December 11 th D'o February 10 th D'o
Major	John Hayes	April 23 ^d D'o

Supernumeraries

Recommended	Not Recommended
Lieut Colo'l Ralph Faulkner Majors William Cunningham Joseph Crocket David Knox David Russell Francis Taylor	None

Surgeons and Mates

Rank	Names	Regiments
Surgeons	Alexander Skinner	1
	James Wallace	2
	David Griffith	3
	William McMahan	4
	Bazel Middleton	5
	Edward Duff	6
	Joseph Davis	7
	Cornelius Baldwin	8
		9
	John Roberts	10
	Mace Clements	11
Mates	Miles King	1
	Jospeh Savage	2
	Joseph Quinland	3
	Charles Grier	4
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	George Monroe	6
		7
	Hugh Martin	8
		9
	Claiborn Vaughan	10
		11

First Regiment

Rank	Names	Dates of Commissions
Colo	Richard Parker	February 10 1778
Lieut Colonel	Burgess Ball	December 17 1777
Major	Richard Clough Anderson	February 10 1778
Captains	1 William Lewis promoted	August 6 1776
	2 Charles Pelham d'o	November 11 1776
	3 Claiborne Whitehead Lawson	October 18 1777
	4 Callohill Minnis	November 18 D'o
	5 Tarlton Paiyne [Tareton Payne]	February 4 1778
	<u>6</u> Custis Kindall [Custis Kendall]	May 26 1778
Capt Lieut't	<u>7</u> James Cuthbertson prom't [James Culbertson]	November 7 1776
Lieutenants	1 Holman Minnis prom't	Januar 2 1777
	2 Archibald Denhom d'o [Archibald Denham]	August 9 D'o
	3 Francis Mennis [Francis Minnis]	D'o D'o D'o
	4 Philip Sansum	September 15 D'o
	5 Joseph Scott	October 4 D'o
	6 Thomas Bowne	D'o 18 D'o
	7 Samuel Hogg	December 18 D'o
	<u>8</u> Marks Vanduvell [Mark Vanduval]	February 4 1778
Ensigns	1 Thomas Overton, ranks as 1 st Lt.	March 9 1778
	2 D'o 2 ^d Lt	
	3 D'o D'o	
	4 D'o D'o	
	5 Mathew Clay D'o	March 16 1777
	6 Ballard Smith D'o	August 9 D'o
	7 James Seldon D'o	Septemb'r 15 D'o
	8 Thomas Holt D'o	Octob'r 4 D'o
	9 John Steel D'o	May 26 1778

First Regiment

Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
Captains	John Poulson George Gilchrist Smith Snead Joseph Scott Thomas Parker	July 17 th 1776 d'o 22 D'o November 7 D'o August 9 1777 May 26 1778
1 st Lieutenants	Robert Woodson Charles Snead Severn Teagle [Severn Teackle]	August 31 st 1776 February 10 1777 March 7 D'o
2 ^d Lieutenants	Thomas Payne. Vacancy open Thomas Martin D'o Charles Stokeley D'o Nathaniel Darby Joseph Payne Thomas Coverley John Robbins John Scarbrough <u>Supernumeries</u> None	December 30 th 1776 January 4 1777 February 25 D'o March 7 D'o August 25 D'o December 26 D'o May 14 1778 May 26 D'o

Second Regiment

Rank	Names	Dates of Commissions
Colonel	Christian Febiger	Sep'r 26 th 1777
Lieut Colonel	Charles Simms	July 12 D'o
Major	Thomas Massey	Febru'y 20 1778
Captains	1	
	2	William Taylor
	3	John Peyton Harrison
	4	Alexander Parker
	5	Benjamin Taliaferro
	6	John Stokes
Capt Lieut's Lieutenants	—	Thomas Catlet [Thomas Catlett]
	1	John Worsham
	2	Colin Cocke
	3	Francis Coward [Francis Cowherd] }
	4	John Kennon }
	5	Valentine Harrison }
	6	Henry Moss
Ensigns	7	Beverley Stubblefield
	8	John Jordan
	1	Thomas Parker ranks 1 st Lt
	2	James Malborn [James Mabon] D'o D'o
	3	John Crawford D'o D'o
	4	William Eskridge D'o D'o
	5	William Porter D'o D'o
	6	John Kennan D'o D'o
	7	Rodham Moxley D'o D'o
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Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
Cap'n	John Willis Vacancy Open	July 15 1776

Supernumeries

Recommended	Not Recommended
Captains Nathaniel Fox	Capt John Bell
Alexander Rose	
Peter Garland	
Richard Apperson	
Benjamin Hoomes	
Lieu'ts Samuel Cobbs	
Richard Taylor	
James Barnet	
William Hudson	
Austin Sandridge	

Third Regiment

Rank	Names	Dates of Commissions
Colonel	William Heath	April 30 th 1778
Lieut Colonel	Thomas Gaskins	May 16 D'o
Major	James Lucas	April 23 D'o
Captains	1 Robert Powell	Decem'r 26 th 1776
	2 John Francis Mercer	January 27 1777
	3 William Fowler	April 1 D'o
	4 John Anderson	August 12 D'o
	5 John Blackwell	Sep'r 15 D'o
	6 Valentine Peyton	Octo'r 4 D'o
Capt Lieut's Lieutenants	William Bentley	Decem'r 26 th 1776
	1 Robert Beal [Robert Beall]	February 11 1777
	2 Leroy Edwards	D'o 21 D'o
	3 John Fitzgerald	April 1 D'o
	4 John Hawkins	Septem'r 11 D'o
	5 William More [William Moore]	October 28 D'o
	6 Arthur Lind	November 8 D'o
	7 Beverley Roy	D'o 28 D'o
Ensigns	8 Nathaniel Anderson	December 21 D'o
	1	
	2 rank 2 ^d Lt	
	3 David Miller D'o	December 21 1777
	4 William Stevens D'o	D'o 21 D'o
	5 David Allen D'o	May 10 1778
	6 John Roney D'o	September 9 D'o
	7 Lipscomb Norvill D'o	D'o D'o D'o
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Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
Second Lieut	Robert Livingston Vacancy open	April 1 st 1777

Supernumeraries

Recommended	Not Recommended
Captains John Peyton	None
Reuben Briscoe	
Peter Minor	
John McAdam	
John Tubbs [John Tebbs]	
Jessey Davis [Jesse Davis]	
Lieut Richard Kennon	
Thornton Taylor	

Fourth Regiment

Rank		Names	Dates of Commissions
Colonel		John Nevill	Decem'r 11 th 1777
Lieut Colonel		Robert Ballard	October 4 D'o
Major		William Croghan	May 16 1778
Captains	1	George Walls	Sep'r 27 1776
	2	John Stith	March 12 1777
	3	Jason Riddick	June 10 D'o
	4	Abraham Kirkpatrick	August D'o D'o
	5	Isaac Israel	Novem'r 23 D'o
	6	John Steed	March 30 1778
Capt Lieut's		Leonard Cooper	May 10 1777
Lieutenants	1	James Curry	June 24 D'o
	2		
	3	Edward Allen	October 4 D'o
	4		
	5	William Lovely [William Lewis Lovely]	March 25 th 1778
	6	John Willson	April 1 D'o
	7	James Morton	D'o D'o D'o
	8	Robert Brackenridge	D'o 4 D'o
Ensigns	1	Philip Easton ranks as 1 st Lieut.	August 10 1778
	2	Philip Hoffman D'o 2 ^d D'o	
	3	Peter Higgins D'o	
	4	Benjamin Lawson D'o	March 3 ^d 1778
	5		
	6	Thomas Miller D'o	April 4 D'o
	7	William Dennis Kelly D'o	Sep'r 9 D'o
	8	Martin Carney D'o	D'o D'o D'o
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Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
Captains	Robert Higgins	March 1 st 1777
1 st Lieutenants	John Clarke	August 10 1777
	Reuben Field	January 10 1778
2 ^d Lieutenant	Jonathan Smith	March 30 1778

[Fourth Regiment continued] Supernumeries

Recommended	Not Recommended
Captains William Cherry	None
Samuel Gill	
William Rogers	
Nathaniel Lucas	
Lieu'ts William Boyce	
Henry Whiting	
William Davenport	
William Hillis	
James Holloway	
James Craig	
James Higgins	
Benj'a Hinley [Benjamin Henley]	

Fifth Regiment

Rank	Names	Dates of Commissions
Colonel	William Russell	Decem'r 19 th 1776
Lieut Colonel	Samuel J Cabell	May 12 1779
Major	John Webb	January 26 th 1778
Captains	1 Thomas Hill	Novem'r 13 th 1776
	2 William Mosely [William Moseley]	Decem'r D'o D'o
	3 Henry Young	D'o 28 D'o
	4 Adam Wallace	January 29 1778
	5 Thomas Buckner	Octo'r 3 1778
	6 Mayo Carrington	May 12 1779
Capt Lieut's	William White	D'o D'o D'o
Lieutenants	1 Henry Wareing [Henry Waring]	October 10 th 1777
	2 Lapsley White	January 29 1778
	3 Richard Coleman	May 20 th D'o
	4 John Nelson	D'o D'o D'o
	5 Thomas Quirk	
	6 Isaac Webb	October 3 1778
	7 Richard Starke	May 7 1779
	8 Robert Jouett	May 12 D'o
Ensigns	1 John White ranks as 2 ^d Lieut	Apl 30 th 1778
	2 Mathew Ray D'o D'o	Sep'r 9 D'o
	3 Benjamin Moseley D'o D'o	D'o 10 D'o

Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
	None	

Supernumeries

Recommended	Not Recommended
Cap'n Sayers	
Lieut James Smith	

Sixth Regiment

Rank		Names	Dates of Commissions
Colo'l		John Green	Jan'y 26 1778
Lieut Colo		Samuel Hawes	March 1 D'o
Major		Thomas Ridley	D'o D'o D'o
Captains	1	John Gillison	February 17 th 1777
	2	Richard Stevens	D'o 18 D'o
	3		
	4	Hughs Woodson [Hughes Woodson]	Sep'r 2 ^d D'o
	5	Clough Chilton [Clough Shelton]	January 13 th 1778
	6	Nathaniel Lamme	Sep't'r 18 th D'o
Capt Lieut's Lieutenants	—	James Williams	March 1 1777
	1	Thomas Hord	D'o 19 D'o
	2	Thomas Barbee	D'o 22 D'o
	3	Thomas Fox	October 30 D'o
	4	Joseph Blackwell	November 30 D'o
	5	James Hamilton	Janua'y 13 1778
Ensigns	6	William Evins [William Evans]	Sep'r 10 D'o
	7	Samuel Baskerville	D'o 10 D'o
	8	Thomas Pierson [Thomas Pearson]	D'o D'o D'o
	1	Thomas Hackley ranks as 2 ^d Lt	July 10 1777
	2	Nicholas Taliaferro	October 20 D'o
	3	John Robinson	Sep'r 9 1778
	4	Charles Jones	D'o D'o D'o
	5	William Smith	D'o D'o D'o
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Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
Captain	John Spotswood	February 25 th 1777

Supernumeries

Recommended	Not Recommended
Capt. John Mountjoy	None
Capt. Thomas Blackwell	

Seventh Regiment

Rank		Names	Dates of Commissions
Colo'l		Daniel Morgan	November 12 1776
Lieut Colo		John Cropper	October 27 1777
Major		Thomas Posey	April 30 1778
Captains	1	Peter Bryan Bruin	December 13 1776
	2		
	3	Charles Porterfield	February 3 1777
	4	William Johnston	D'o 19 D'o
	5	John Marshall	July 1 D'o
	6	Philip Slaughter	May 16 1779
Capt Lieut's			
Lieutenants	1	Isaiah Marks	March 15 1777
	2	James Wright	D'o 23 D'o
	3	Robert Porterfield	June 1 D'o
	4	Thomas Ransdell	July D'o D'o
	5	John Towns	D'o D'o D'o
	6	Timothy Feely	November 6 D'o
	7	John Barns	May 13 1779
Ensigns	1	Benjamin Ashby rank 2 ^d Lieut	June 1 1777
	2	Reuben Long D'o D'o	D'o D'o D'o
	3	#	
	4	#	
	5	David Williams D'o D'o	July 1 1777
	6	#	
	7		
	8		
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Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
Capt.	Samuel Finley Vacancy Open	
	Nathaniel Pendleton	
	George George	
1 st Lieutenant	Thomas Warner Vacancy open	
2 Lieutenants	Bordinger V. Open [Henry Bedinger]	
	Smith Vacancy Open	

Supernumeries

Recommended	Not Recommended
Capt. Abraham Shepherd	None
D'o George Rice	

Eighth Regiment

Rank		Names	Dates of Commissions
Col		James Wood	Novem'r 12 th 1776
Lieut Col		Charles Flemming [Charles Fleming]	June 28 1778
Maj'r		Jonathan Clarke [Jonathan Clark]	January 10 D'o
Captains	1	William Voss [William Vause]	February 19 1777
	2	Andrew Wallace	March 13 D'o
	3	Thomas Bowyer	April 5 D'o
	4	Benjamin Casey	September 1 D'o
	5	Robert Gamble	March 7 1778
	6	Presely Nevill	May 10 1779
Capt Lieut's Lieutenants	—	Abraham Hite	May 10 1779
	1	Joseph Swearingen	March 1 1777
	2	Conway Oldham	April 20 D'o
	3	Singismond Stripling [Sigismund Stribling]	May 19 D'o
	4	Hezekiah Morton	August 30 D'o
	5	Robert White	September 1 D'o
	6	David Williams	March 7 1778
	7	John McDowell	September 7 D'o
Ensigns	8	Albert Russell	May 10 1779
	1	William Porter rank as 2 ^d Lieut	August 30 1777
	2	John Bowen D'o D'o	Septem'r 10 D'o
	3	Henry Bowyer D'o D'o	Novem'r 15 D'o
	4	William Baylis D'o D'o	Sept'r 9 1778
	5	Joseph Hite D'o D'o	D'o 10 D'o
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Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
	None	

Supernumeries

	Recommended	Not Recommended
Captain	Michael Bowyer	Lt Robert Elliot [Robert Elliott] Lt Richard Rout [Richard Routt] Lt John Slaughter

Ninth Regiment

Rank		Names	Dates of Commissions
Colo		John Gibson	October 25 th 1777
Lieut Colo		Richard Campbell	February 20 th 1778
Maj'r		Richard Taylor	D'o 4 th D'o
Captains	1	Robert Beal [Robert Beall]	December 15 th 1776
	2	Benjamin Harrison	D'o 16 th D'o
	3	Thomas Moore	January 23 ^d 1778
	4	Simomon Morgan [Simon Morgan]	March 15 th D'o
	5	Robert Vance	August 19 th D'o
	6	Uriah Springer	D'o 25 th D'o
Capt Lieut		Benjamin Biggs	November 7 D'o
Lieutenants	1	George Berry	December 16 1776
	2	Arthur Gordon	D'o 19 D'o
	3	Lewis Thomas	D'o D'o D'o
	4	John Harrison	October 1 1778
	5	Andrew Lewis	D'o 2 D'o
	6	Lawrence Harrison	D'o 3 D'o
	7	Ephraim Ralph	April 5 1779
	8	John Dent	D'o 6 D'o
Ensigns	1	Jacob Springer	October 31 st 1778
	2	Henry Dawson	D'o D'o D'o
	3	John Beck	D'o D'o D'o
	4	Jacob Coleman	April 5 th 1779
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Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions

Supernumeries

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Tenth Regiment

Rank		Names	Dates of Commissions
Colonel		William Davis [William Davies]	March 20 th 1778
Lieut Colonel		Samuel Hopkins	June 19 D'o
Major		Andrew Waggoner [Andrew Waggener]	May 10 1779
Captains	1	Nathan Reid [Nathaniel Reed]	January 28 th 1777
	2		
	3	John Marks	March 15 th 1777
	4	John Winston	d'o 17 D'o
	5	Peter Jones	April 10 D'o
	6	John Overton	October 4 D'o
Capt Lieut's Lieutenants		Thomas Holt	March 10 1777
	1	Nathaniel Terry	March 10 1777
	2	William Eppes	August 30 D'o
	3	George Holland	October 4 D'o
	4	Abraham Murry [Abraham Murray]	D'o 8 D'o
	5	John Boswell Johnston	February 1 1778
	6	David Walker	May 7 D'o
	7	Alexander Ewing	February 14 1779
Ensigns	8	Richard Worsham	May 7 D'o
	1	David Meriwether rank 2 ^d Lieut	December 8 th 1777
	2	William Pointer D'o	D'o 8 D'o
	3	Joseph Conway D'o	D'o 22 D'o
	4	Thomas Burfoot [Thomas Burford] D'o	Septem'r 9 1778
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Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
Cap'n	Thomas Thweat vacancy open [Thomas Thweatt]	March 26 th 1779

Supernumeries

Recommended Capt Cyrus Lightfoot Roberts	Not Recommended None
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Eleventh Regiment

Rank		Names	Dates of Commissions
Col		Abraham Buford	May 16 1778
Lieut Colo		Gustavus Brown Wallace	March 20 D'o
Maj'r		David Stevenson [David Stephenson]	May 4 D'o
Captains	1	John Gregory	February 23 1777
	2	James Gray	March 16 D'o
	3	Thomas Edmonds [Thomas Edmunds]	
	4	Thomas Wills [Thomas Wells]	July 21 D'o
	5	Samuel Booker	August 1 D'o
	6	Lawrence Bentley	May 14 1779
Capt Lieu't		Robert Mabries [Robert Mabrey]	May 14 1779
Lieutenants	1	Thomas Lewis	March 20 1777
	2	William Smith	D'o D'o D'o
	3	Philip Mallary [Philip Mallory]	April 1 st 1778
	4	Samuel Jones	D'o D'o D'o
	5	James Crain [James Crane]	D'o D'o D'o
	6	Binns Jones	
	7	John Crittendon	May 14 1779
	8	John Eppes Scott	D'o D'o D'o
Ensigns	1	Charles Stewart [Charles Stuart] rank as 2 ^d Lie't	July 24 1777
	2	Thomas Davis	D'o D'o August 1 D'o
	3		
	4	James Holt	D'o D'o April 1 1778
	5	Luke Cannon	D'o D'o D'o
	6	Albrodgeston Jones [Albridgton Jones]	D'o D'o Septem'r 9 D'o
	7		
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Rank	Prisoners	Date of Commissions
2 ^d Liu't	Willis Riddick Robert Foster	Decem'r 30 th 1777

Supernumeries

Recommended	Not Recommended
Capt Edwin Hull D'o George Lee Turberville Lieut Mentzees [George Menzies]	None

Remarks made at Middle Brook.

As some officers were absent during the whole time of this arrangement, some few misdates may have been admitted, and perhaps two or three disputes left unsettled: Colo. Febiger in particular in his own behalf and in behalf of several other Officers object to the rank and pretensions of Colonel Russell; but as he is now absent, and the Officers of the Line conceive themselves in some measure interested in the event, they are of opinion that his Excellency [Gen. George Washington] be requested to appoint a Board of disinterested members, to examine and determine the matter, upon Colonel Russell's return.

As the Officers of the Ninth Regiment, which is now absent [at Fort Pitt], have their Commissions dated upon a different Principal from that of the rest of the Line, it will be necessary, upon the return of that Regiment, to have their Commissions arranged agreeable to the others.

Supernumeries.

Rank	Recommended	Rank	Recommended
Leut Colo	Ralph Faulkner		Samuel Cobbs
	David Russell		Richard Taylor
	William Cunningham		James Barnett
Major	David Knox		William Hudson
	Joseph Crocket		Austin Sandridge
	Francis Taylor		Thornton Taylor
	Nathaniel Fox		Richard Kennon
	Alexander Rose		William Boice
	Peter Garland	Lieuten'ts	Henry Whiting
	Richard Apperson		William Davenport
	Benjamin Hooms		William Hillis
	John Peyton		James Hollaway
	Reuben Briscoe		James Craig
Capt	John Tibbs		James Higgins
	Jessey Davis		Benjamin Hinley
	Peter Minor		James Smith
	John McAdams		Mintzies
	William Cherry		
	Samuel Gill	<u>Rank</u>	Not Recom'ended
	William Rodgers	Capt	John Bell
	Nathaniel Lucas	Lieuten't	Robert Elliot
	Robert Sayers [Robert Sayres]	D'o	Richard Rout
	John Mountjoy	D'o	John Slaughter
	Thomas Blackwell		
	George Rice		
	Abraham Shepherd		
	Nathaniel Bowyer		
	Cyrus Lightfoot Roberts		
	Edwin Hull		
	George Lee Turberville		

NOTES:

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The heading indicates that this arrangement was made at Middlebrook NJ in March 1779.

Compare these tables with the arrangement made at White Plains NY on 14 Sep 1778
(<http://revwarapps.org/b138.pdf>).

Captain-Lieutenants held the rank of Lieutenant but commanded a company, usually the company nominally commanded by a colonel.

Supernumeraries were officers left without sufficient troops to command. Officers who had been commissioned in their current ranks for the shortest periods were most likely to be made supernumerary, and they were recommended or not for a new command when a vacancy was available.