

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

VIRGINIA CONTINENTAL FIELD OFFICERS AT SMITHS CLOVE NY, 6 SEP 1779

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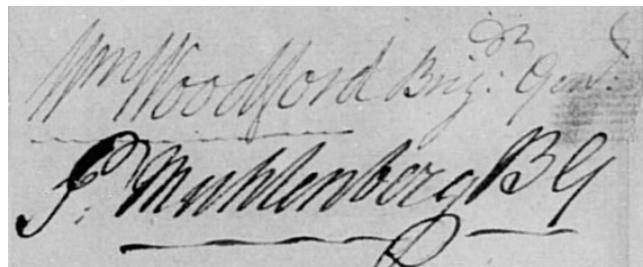
At a meeting of the Officers of the Virginia Line, at Camp Smiths Clove [in Orange County NY] September 6th 1779.

	Present		
Brigadier Gen'l.	[William] Woodford	Major	[Samuel Jordan] Cabell
	[Peter] Muhlenberg		[Jonathan] Clark
Colo	[James] Wood		[John] Webb
	[William] Russell		[David] Stephenson
	[George] Gibson		[William] Croghan
Lt. Colo.	[Burgess] Ball		[John] Lee
	[Samuel] Hawes		
	[John] Allison		

General Woodford Laid before the Officers, a Letter from His Excellency the Commander in Chief [Gen. Washington], respecting the mode of filling up the Vacancy's in the Virginia Line. After maturely considering, as well His Excellency's Letter, as the Proceedings of the Committee of Arrangement at White Plains [14 Sep 1778; <http://revwarapps.org/b138.pdf>], and the subsequent Resolution of Congress of the 24th November last thereon, are Unanimously of Opinion, that all the Officers Intitled to a Rise [in rank], should take it from the time the Vacancy happened, without having regard to Officers, who are Prisoners of war. they have founded their Opinion on the following Facts. – that when the Arrangement of the Army was made at White Plains, a full meeting of the General & Field Officers of the Virginia Line, were desired by the Committee of Arrangement to Propose some Eligible mode for Arranging the Officers, and Doing Justice to the Prisoners of War. which Board were then of Opinion, that all Prisoners shou'd be Considered as Supernumerary, untill their Exchange, but not Out of the Line; that upon their Exchange they shou'd have the Liberty of Coming into the Line, and that the Junior Officer of the same rank, shou'd retire upon the Provision of Congress in Order to make room for such Prisoner. that this Plan was Approved by the Committee of Arrangement and they have never understood was rejected by Congress, but on the Contrary, they are Inclined to think, that the resolution of Congress of the 24th Novem'r was meant as an Amendment to the Plan; and that it must Certainly have been the Idea of Congress, that all Vacancies shou'd be filled up, and that upon the Exchange of Prisoners of War, they shou'd be Intitled to Half Pay untill a vacancy Happened, when they wou'd have a right to Come into the Line with the same Rank which they wou'd have been Intitled to, if they had not been Captured.

Wm Woodford Brig'dr. Gen'l.

P. Muhlenberg BG



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Wm Woodford Brig'dr. Gen'l." and the bottom signature reads "P. Muhlenberg BG". The signatures are written on a light-colored background, possibly a document or a card.