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MEMORANDA ON PROMOTIONS OF VIRGINIA CONTINENTAL FIELD OFFICERS, 1777 & 1778  
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It appears that Capt [Gustavus Brown] Wallace is entitled to a Majority upon the Death of Lt Colo Seayrs on 4<sup>th</sup> October [John Sayres, killed at Battle of Germantown 4 Oct 1777] – Capt. [John] Brent of the 4<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Reg't was appointed a Capt. the same Day with Wallace. Vizt the 23<sup>d</sup> Feb'y. 1776 & if they have not allready been Ballotted for by the Com'tee of Safety of Virginia the Gentlemen are willing to draw for the Rank here after

Wallace to be Maj'r of 15<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Reg't.

Wm Woodford [William Woodford] Brig. Genl.  
22<sup>d</sup> Nov'r. 1777

Capt. [Richard] Campbell of the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't. is promoted to be Major of the 13<sup>th</sup> in the Room of Major [Charles] Simms promoted.

Extract from Gen'l Orders of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept'r. 1777

Alexd'r Teammell AG'l. [Alexander Trammell Adjutant?]

Maj'r Sim's commission is dated 21<sup>st</sup> Aug't 1778 and of consequence Major Campbell's; The promotion of the latter depending on that of the former.

Col. Matthews's Claim of Rank in the Virginia Line./ rec'd. at the B[oar]d. War Dec'r 24 1778

Col. George Mathews of the Virg'a. Line, Clames Rank of Col. Dan'l Morgin [Daniel Morgan] Col. Jam's. Wood [James Wood] & Col Wm. Rusil [William Russell], for the foling Reasons.

In Janu'y. 1776 he Was appoynted a Leut. Col. in one of the Nine Regm. then Rased & Did not take Rank till Caled in to Sarvices

and that Before they Ware Caled in to Sarvices he pas [was?] a Col. and Commanding a Rigm't. in the field in a Wintar Campane, and By there haveing Rank from the time of appoyntment they have Rank of him, & that he Was a Liut. Col. before Aney of them Was field officers

I do hereby certify that Major [William] Croghan was arranged as a Major from the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 17 [edge of page missing; 1778] and that by some mistake in the roll delivered to the Committie his date was falsly fixed on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Ju[ne] last, which is the date of Major Russell's commissi[on] who is a Supernumerary, being the youngest officer.

Dec'r. 20 1778.

William Davies Col. & one of the board of field officers  
appointed to set the rank of the Virginia line