His Excellency Governor Greenop Esqr.

Militia
17th Regt. Richd.
Hackman Comdt.
Issued 2nd Oct. 1806

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Agreeable to Orders from Col.^e Richd Hickman for a Board Officers to meete in Winchester on Monday the 22^d day of Sept 1806 to proceed to the nomination of Officers for the 17th Reg.^t of Kentucky Militia a Board meete consisting of

~~Present~~

Mr James Stevens
M.^r P Bush

Cap.^s Wm France
Capt J Browning
Cap. D Collins
~~Cap. Wm Tuttle~~
Capt Jno Combs
Cap. Wm Tuttle

and the following gen.^l nominated
nominated for ~~the~~ Maj.^r Stevens Battalion

~~Wm Arbl~~

nominated for Maj.^r P Bushes Battalion
Ambrose ~~Bush~~ Ewbank Capt ~~in~~ Capt
P Bushes being premoted
J. Gholston Bush Lt. Ambrose Ewbank
premoted
Saml Davenport Ens.^n J Gholson Bush
premoted —

Francis Culm Capt. James Jackson
not. excepting the commission of Capt.
Clem Gregg Lt. Dand. Rails back res
egn'd

James Noland Lt. in Capt. Wm. Tuttles
company

Jno. Fielder Ensegn in Capt. Wm. Tuttles
company

~~Cpt~~

Jno. Hallard nominated as Capt.
Light, the horse, company for the 17th Regment
Kentucky Militia

Geo. Baker Cornett - for same

James Stevens Jr.

Approved this 22nd September 1806

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James Allen's letter
the Gov.r concerning
the Militia Act.
1806

Guensburgh Key.
October 15th 1806

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His Excellency Christo. Gunnup Esqr.

Per Post

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Dear Sir, October 8th 1805.

When the command of the 16th Regement was given to me, I found it in a very shattered condition, and felt the necessity of exertion to raise it to the degree of improvement proper in every free Government: my long illness checked my endeavours, but since I have been restored to health I have spared no pains to render my Regement respectable, nor shall any thing within my power be left undone in future which may in any way be conducive to the good of the Regiment

You required me some time ago to transmitt you the dates of the Commissions of each commissioned Officer; I wrote you, that I would procure it as soon as possible, accordingly gave orders to the commissioned Officers to let me have the dates of their Commissions at the Regemental Muster which was the 1st day of October last, Several of them forgot their commissions and I am still ~~[illegible]~~ unable to transmit a list to you but will do it as soon as I can procure the dates.

I got the Commissions of Majors Smith and Cowherd at our Regemental Muster, as soon as muster was over, I called a Board of Officers and made the nominations inclosed; there are two companies yet

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in the second Battallion without Officers and the Board being called in a hurry we knew not who to nominate; as soon as we are advised on the subject we shall nominate. The Rule you have adopted renders it proper for us to be cautious who we nominate as Subalterns.

I should be glad to understand you a little more fully upon that subject; what is a sufficient cause why an Officer should not resign by seniority? there are some who have been appointed perhaps purely because no one else would accept of the Office, which is frequently the case in the appointments of Ensign and Lieutenant; who would be entirely unfit to command a company, Battalion or Regement for no other reason perhaps than that they are too illiterate, inactive, stupid and never could be taught Military discipline, must such an one come to the head of a Regement? Please to give me your Ideas upon the subject — I fear the Regement will suffer owing to the delicacy which a board of Officers might feel in certifying the unfitness of a senior Officer. I have the good of my Regement at heart and wish to do every thing to make it excel — I hope you will not fail to write me upon the Subject.

You need not hesitate to nominate Major Cowhind to the Senate; there is no other Captain in the Second Battalion but himself; he is an excellent Officer and will soon have that Battalion in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding it is as low at present as it can be reduced, owing to the Ignorance and Stupidity of the former commander

I am Sir your Sincere friend and

Hble Servt.

Greensburgh

James Allen

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