

meeting for the election of officers of the State Society of the Cincinnati, Lieutenant-Colonel Walker be directed to collect the ballots of the members present, and to request the officers of the Artillery to send him their ballots as soon as possible; and that then when the whole are collected, he do call in the assistance of any two officers who may be present, to count the said ballots, and declare the election.' In pursuance of this resolution, on the fifth of July, 1783, Lieutenant-Colonel B. Walker, Captain J. Smith, and Captain Caleb Brewster certified the election of the first officers of the State Society."<sup>1</sup>

**B**ARON STEUBEN, *President*, presents his Compliments to *B Swartwout Esq* informs him that he was sorry to be disappointed on last Saturday Evening, by not meeting a sufficient Number of the Members of the Society of the Cincinnati to transact Business agreeably to Adjournment. As the matters for Consideration are of the utmost Importance, your Attendance is particularly requested, on *Saturday the Fifteenth* instant, at the *Coffee-House*, at *Four o'Clock P. M.* precisely.

*New-York, July 13, 1786.*

NOTIFICATION OF A MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, TO BE HELD, ON SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1786, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

The elected officers were: Major-General Alexander McDougall, president; Brigadier-General George Clinton, vice-president; Captain Benjamin Walker, secretary; Colonel Philip van Cortlandt, treasurer; and Major Nicholas Fish, assistant treasurer.

In 1786, Baron de Steuben, who had been vice-president in the preceding year, was elected president, and succeeded Major-General Alexander McDougall in that office.

In 1794, Ensign Barnardus Swartwout was elected assistant treasurer of the society, and, in the following year, secretary, to which office he was thereafter annually elected until 1800.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati, and some of the proceedings of the General Society and of the New York State Society. 1851, p. 50.

<sup>2</sup> A souvenir of the society is a card of admission, the writing being on a small piece of cardboard:  
"Admit Mrs. Swartwout to the Hall of the Society of the Cincinnati at 12 o'Clock the 4th July 1786

"Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Webb } Masters  
"S. Giles } of  
Ceremony."