

Lancey, on March 22, 1760, issued another call for the enlistment of "two thousand six hundred and eighty effective men, officers included," with a promise of fifteen pounds bounty to each volunteer. By a commission, dated March 22, 1760, Captain Jacobus Swartwout was again placed in command of a company of Dutchess County volunteers, of which Nicholas Emanuel Gabriel and Isaac Bush (Ter Bos) were lieutenants.¹ The company, as shown by the muster-roll of May 1, 1760, was composed of men who had previously enlisted in the companies of Captains Cornelius Swartwout, Henry Rosekrans, Eleazer Dubois, and other officers named on it.²

The meritorious services in this war of Abraham, son of Abraham and Tryntje van Kleeck Swartwout, born in Poughkeepsie in 1743, and second cousin to Captains Cornelius and Jacobus Swartwout, frequently obtained for him honorable mention for being an exemplary soldier and admirable officer. On April 8, 1760, at the age of seventeen years, he enlisted in Captain Peter Harris's company of Dutchess County volunteers, of which Joseph Powell and Isaac Conclin were lieutenants. His initiative experience in the campaign of 1760 influenced him to enlist in the same company on April 11, 1761, under the call of the Honorable Cadwallader Colden, president of his majesty's council and commander-in-chief of the province of New York, on April 4, for volunteers "to be employed in securing his majesty's conquests in North America." As entered upon the muster-roll of the company, Abraham Swartwout was then six feet and one inch in stature. In the campaign of 1761, he held the position of a sergeant.

Among the commissions given by Lieutenant-Governor Cadwallader Colden to officers about to serve in the campaign of 1762, were those of lieutenant to Teunis Corsa and Abraham Swartwout in Captain Peter Harris's company of Dutchess County volunteers, in the Second New York Regiment, commanded by Colonel George Brewerton. As a part of the force of volunteers would be employed in an intended attack upon the city of Havana, on the island of Cuba, for Spain had become, in January, 1762, an ally of France, Lieutenant-Governor Cadwallader Colden, in order to assure those of the volunteers who were willing to participate in the reduction of Morro Castle and other Spanish strongholds in Cuba, that they would not thereafter

¹ Fifteen days before the date of this commission, Captain Jacobus Swartwout had been married to Aeltje, the daughter of Isaac and Sarah Brinckerhoff, of Rombout Precinct. He was then twenty-five years old and she nineteen. Her father, born at Flushing, on Long Island, January 12, 1713, was the twin brother of Jacob, and the third son of Derick Brinckerhoff. He was married to Sarah Rapelje, on February 28, 1737, by whom he had two children: Derick, born May 21, 1739, and Aeltje, September 23, 1740.

² April 26, 1759, Captain Jacobus Swartwout was paid £1,872 bounty for 117 men. May 7, 1760, Captain Jacobus Swartwout was paid £1,568 bounty for 98 men.

Title: Muster-Roll of Men rais'd in the County of Dutchess and pass'd for Capt. Jacobus Swartwout's Company May y^e 1st, 1760. Document No. 7 in the Appendix.