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(Draft of a letter, Governor to Secretary of War (?), in regard to the Maryland quota of 6,000 troops.)

In Council, May 9, 1812.

Sir:

The Constitutional powers of this department being inadequate to a full compliance with the requisition of the President communicated through your calling upon this state for her quota of 6000 troops to be completely armed & equipped for actual service, I have thought proper with the advice and consent of the Council of State to address a letter to you the object of which is to ascertain whether in the opinion on the President of the U. S. the probable cause of our public affairs will render it absolutely necessary that they should be prepared in all respects to take the field prior to the regular period of the session of our Legislature and that Monday is now next, in order that we may determine whether or not it would be advisable to call an extra session of the Legislature who would no doubt make the necessary appropriation for their equipment

(Printed in Archives of Maryland)

WAR OF 1812

TENDERS OF SERVICE AND ACCEPTANCES

(From the Executive Archives)

Gov. Bowie to Major William Barney

Council Chamber  
May 22<sup>d</sup> 1812

Sir

The Executive have to acknowledge the receipt of y<sup>r</sup> Patriotic tender of service as Major of Cavalry in the quota of M<sup>d</sup>. Militia called for by the P. of the U. S. which will have due consideration when the officers of the quota are to be selected.

W<sup>t</sup> Great respect y<sup>r</sup> Ob<sup>t</sup> st.

Major William Barney.

R. B.

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WAR OF 1812

TENDERS OF SERVICES AND ACCEPTANCES

(From the Executive Archives)

Gov. Bowie to Col. Jas. Biays

Council Chamber  
Annapolis May 22<sup>d</sup>.--12

Sir. The Executive have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst. covering the patriotic tender of services of the Maryland Chasseurs commanded by Capt<sup>n</sup>. James Horton. You will be so good as to inform the Captain the tender of service of his troop as a part of the quota of the Maryland Militia called for by the President of the United States is accepted. We have the honor to be with high consideration

Your ob. s<sup>t</sup>.

R. B.

Col. James Biays.

(Printed in Archives of Maryland)

WAR OF 1812

(From the Executive Archives)

Tobias E. Stansbury to Governor and Council

Annapolis June 16<sup>th</sup>. 1812

Gentlemen.

In the quota of Maryland, under the requisition from the General Government, for one hundred thousand Militia, I hereby tender to your Honors, my services; and beg Leave to inform you, it would be gratifying, that this tender, should meet the approbation of the Executive of Maryland.

I am Gentlemen, with consideration of high respect,

Your Humb<sup>l</sup>, Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Tobias E. Stansbury

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. Executive of Maryland.

(Printed in Archives of Maryland)

WAR OF 1812  
(From the Executive Archives)

Col. David Harris to Governor and Council.

The Honble. the Governor & Council of Maryland.

Gentlemen.

If an officer, of the rank I hold, should be required in the quota of Artillerists supplied from the State of Maryland, under the present Act of Congress, I beg leave to make a tender of my services, & am, very respectfully

Dav. Harris,

Lieut. Col. Regt. of Artillery  
attached to the 3<sup>d</sup> Brigade of Md. Milit<sup>a</sup>.

Baltimore 17 June 1812

(Printed in Archives of Maryland)

WAR OF 1812

(From the Executive Archives)

Major Wm. H. Marriott to Governor and Council

To the Honourable the Governor & Council

Gentlemen.

Having had the Honour of receiving a Commission as Brig. Major to 8th Brigade of Maryland Militia, Commanded by Brig; Gen<sup>l</sup>. Williams, I avail myself of this opportunity to assure the Executive that I am conscious of the Honour conferred on me. I have to request that the Governor and Council will accept a tender of my services, and to assure them that I am ready to March at a moments warning in the Capacity which I now hold as Brig. Major & Inspector.

I have the Honour to be Gentlemen with High  
Consideration & respect your ob<sup>t</sup>. H. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

W<sup>m</sup>. H. Marriott.

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1812

(Printed in Archives of Maryland)

WAR OF 1812

(From the Executive Archives)

Capt. W. Hughlett to Col. Thomas Ennalls.

Sir.

You are hereby Authorized and Reuqested to inform the Executive of Maryland, that we tender our services as Volunteers, as part of the State quota of Militia.

W. Hughlett,  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. of a troop of Horse, Caroline County

L. Slaughter,  
1<sup>st</sup>.Lieut.

Executive State papers --- Box 1814 Military

Endorsed: Captain Wells, July 13, 1814.

Deliver to Capt. Wells forty six artillery swords and belts  
for the use of his company of artillery, to be returned when  
called for by the Executive

Lev Winder

July 13th 1814

Received the amount of the above order

M<sup>r</sup> Shaw

Daniel Wells jun<sup>r</sup>

Aug 15, 1814

Executive Archives of Maryland.

Box 1814.

J. R. Plater to His Excellency Governor Winder, dated Sotterly, August 15, 1814; recommending Mr. Jones as adjutant to the 12th Regiment, who was appointed previous to this.

P.S. gives amusing incident of game of ninepins by the enemy.

Two frigates and a schooner still within the Patuxent a little below Mr. Hopewell's--their barges are passing Sotterly almost every day--and every night we know there are from three to four cruising about here watching of Barney--those in the potomak occupy the Mouth of St. Mary's river --on friday they landed a force of some hundreds Marched a considerable distance into the interior, Cockburn with them, to the factory of Messrs. Gough and Webb--did not injury of any kind--amused themselves at ninepins for an hour or two and returned--I have not heard that they stook any stock--the same day a large party landed still lower down the county--went to a store some miles from the river--destroyed some articles such as whiskey, &c., procured some stock and poultry--those are occurrences that have happened since thursday last--five barges are at this moment passing this house up the river--

Monday Morning 7 o'clock

Maryland Executive Archives. Box 1814.

Letter of Philip Stuart, Brig.-Gen. M.M., to

His Excellency, the Governor, August 29, 1814.

Dear sir:

In pursuance of orders received from Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Winder to assume the command of a portion of the force in the field, I repaired here, after the capture of Washington, to discharge my debts. I found to my utter astonishment that Gen<sup>l</sup> Winder had been irregularly superseded in command. This arrangement has produced a confusion which leave me at a loss whether my services will be required. I wish, Sir, that something definite to occur. Will you permit me under the peculiar circumstances which exist now to recommend you to assume the command of the troops in person. I have no doubt it will reconcile all jarring interests and I think it not only an act of justice to Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Winder but likely to conduce to the safety and honor of the State. If Gen<sup>l</sup> Smith is to command I presume my services will be dispensed with; He no doubt would find Gen<sup>l</sup> Stansbury, Stricker and Forman more agreeable to him. These Gen<sup>ls</sup> are now in the field and I think have not each a command. I received my orders from you &c., felt disposed to render what aid I could to my suffering country, but feel willing to retire if those services are unnecessary. No arrangement has been made by <sup>the</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Government for the supply of the detachment from my Brigade and the money furnished by the State has been exhausted---The advances which I have made have not been refunded and the Commssary of provisions is much in arrears. --- I wish to be advised what is to be done in this department.

I shall leave this city in the morning for Washington, subject to your orders. If not countermanded I shall proceed on to my Brigade as I apprehended, the enemy's shipping will commit considerable depredations on our shores as they descend the Potomac and Patuxent. The enemy have Alexandria in their possession, after, as far as I can learn, a very dishonest surrender--I was permitted to keep my men within their Brigade limits. in consequence of this force, proceeding up the river. They <sup>cannot be</sup> calculated on now as affection in as much as they are naked and exhausted from fatigue and watching. But I shall attempt to use them to the best advantage. I shall be glad to hear from you by my aid.

Executive State Papers- Box 1814 Military.

Annapolis August 31st. 1814.

General Ross.

Sir: I am informed that a party from your army a few nights ago, took Dr. Beans, a respectable and aged old man out of his house, treated him with great rudeness and indignity, carried him to your camp, and that he is now on ship board.

The bearer of this M<sup>r</sup> goes to your camp for the purpose of conveying some necessaries, to the Doctor for his accommodation, and to ascertain what has occasioned this procedure, so unusual, in warfare amongst civilized nations.

I am persuaded it will only be necessary to enquire into this case, to cause the Doctor to be released,--- I am informed he is an honorable man, and would not have been guilty of any act intentionally, and knowingly contrary to the usages of war, or derogatory to the character of a man of honor.

I hope sir on enquiry, justice and humanity will induce you to permit the Doctor to return to his family and friends as speedily as may be

I am with great respect yours

Lev Winder

General Ross  
Commander of his Britannic Majesty's forces on the  
Patuxent.

Written on back: " Not to be recorded. "

*Printed on Marine, British Invasion  
189, 190*

Executive State Papers- Box 1814 Military.

31st. August 1814.

The bearer hereof Mr. Richard West has permission to pass to the enemys Camp for the purpose of carrying a dispatch to General Ross and some necessaries to Doctor Beans Doct<sup>r</sup> Hill, and Phillip Weems a prisoner with the enemy,

Lev. Winder

Also printed in Marine's British  
Invasion of Maryland, Page 190.

*The names of Doct Hill and  
Phillip Weems are interlined*

Executive Archives of Maryland. Box 1814.

Letter from Thomas Swann to His Excellency

Levin Winder, Governor of Maryland.

Point Lookout  
Monday noon  
17 Oct. 1814.

Sir:

The vessels to which I alluded in my note of 10th Inst. lying at anchor off Smith's Point, proved to be one seventy four and two frigates mounting each forty eight guns. They were joined in the evening of that day by a small Tender from below when the squadron attempted to ascend the Bay, but the wind being light and variable they remained in this vicinity till Wednesday before they were enabled to effect their object. On Friday and Saturday two sloops of war passed up the bay, joining (?) the force of the enemy above, which I estimate (to be) in the neighborhood of Patuxent (total) of one Seventyfour, two frigates, two sloops of war and one Tender.

A large two topsail schooner, under Portuggese colours, which was standing down the bay on Friday and having been sent back by a sloop of war then bound up, was detained untill yesterday when she descend-  
the bay.

Executive Archives

Oct 27, 1814

of Maryland

Box 1814

West River at Mr. Harrison's Farm

Oct. 27th 9 o'clock A.M.

His Excellency

Governor L. Winder

Sir.

By the express I sent at 7 o'clock from Dr. Tongues I had hardly time to give you any particulars of the Movements of the Enemy since last Evening, at this Moment their five ships are to Anchor close in Harring Bay their Schooners and Barges, was close in along the Channelle towards the Town Point & Tracy's Landing at day light a 7 o'clock A. M. they engaged with their barges a few Militia Stationed at a Gun whom they drove after the first fire--- they are now at Tracy's Landing--apparently busy plundering. I shall continue to watch them -----

Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

J. Hanna.

Oct 31, 1814

Concerning arming Virginia troops sent to defence of Baltimore.  
In Executive State Papers. Box 1814.

Head Qrs. 10<sup>th</sup> Mil. District  
Snowdon's, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1814.

I find it impossible to arm the Virginia troops who have turned out for the defence of Maryland and of Baltimore in particular without having recourse to the State arsenal. You will therefore be good enough to issue to Maj. Cunninghame attached to the Virginia division all the arms, accoutrements and knapsacks within your possession, not exceeding twenty-five hundred of each, taking duplicate receipts for the same, which receipts, together with my letter of instruction shall be your voucher for so doing. If Col. Bentalou, to whom I write by this conveyance, can supply any part of the enumerated appointments, then in that case, you will make up the number from the State arsenal, to twenty-five hundred of each.

I shall write to His Excellency Governor Winder informing him of my reasons for this measure, I doubt not but I shall have his approbation. The U. S. will be responsible for the return of the arms &c. into the State arsenal.

Very respectfully

Y<sup>r</sup> Most Ob<sup>t</sup> Serv.

W. Scott.

Col. Waters, )  
Q.M.Genl. State of )  
Maryland.)

Department B. Q. M.

Baltimore Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1814

Dear sir, I enclose you the letter which i have this morning received from Maj. Gen<sup>l</sup> W. Scott. Be so good as to instruct me as to his requisitions.

Respectfully I am

Dear Sir

Y<sup>r</sup>.Ob. S<sup>t</sup>.

Waters.