

Baltimore Jan^y 19th 1812.

Robert Bowie Esq^r.

I have the honor of informing your Excellency that upon the first appearance in print of the President of the United States message to congress at the opening of its present session; - The Troop of "Maryland Chasseurs" convened for the purpose of ascertaining the general sentiment, as to the expediency of tendering their services to the Executive, in the event of congress authorising the acceptance of service from Volunteer corps. - I am proud to say Sir, that not a single member present dissented; and I herewith forward to your Excellency a return, headed by the resolution then entered into. -

My absence from the City of Baltimore almost every since that period (Nov^r 14th) has prevented my making this communication before; - but trust it will not even now be considered as too late; - and I believe I may safely venture further to add, that in case we may not be called upon to act for some short time to come, that our numbers will be increased to a full Troop. -

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's,

very O^bd^t humble serv^t,

W^m B. Barry

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