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Maj. Wm. B. Barney
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The Governor & Council of Maryland
Annapolis

Baltimore May 12th 1812.

The Governor and Council of Maryland,

Being extremely anxious to have a command in the Quota of Cavalry for this State, I beg leave to be considered as an applicant:- and as I am the first Officer in the State that has directly or indirectly made a tender of services, (as per my letter of January last, when I offered with the Troop of "Maryland Chasseurs" now under the command of Capt. Horton) I trust that the Executive in selecting the Officers, will not consider me as unworthy, and will do me the honor of conferring an appointment as above solicited. -

Your honorable body will perceive that by the Offer alluded to, the City of Baltimore is precluded the necessity of making any Draft or its Cavalry; thereby obviating the ill consequences of having a variety of Uniforms; not only that, but the men and Officers having confidence in each other, none of that jealousy can exist which would be unavoidable were they taken from different Troops.

I have the honor to be
Your Mo: Obt. Servt.
Wm. B. Barney
Major 5. M. C. D.