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Colonel Lloyd

Dr Sir

June 11th 1812

Not feeling a disposition to be amongst the most backward who may hereafter come forward in support of our Country's Cause, I must beg leave to make know to you that I am the servant of my Country by asking the Executive of Maryland through you to accept of me as a volunteer from your Cavalry district; I am not able to say whether my Commander volunteers or not, but if he should it would be very ~~[illegible]~~ agreeable to me to be under him (in case of being called out) in preference to a stranger; your attention to that would be obliging; however my County calls upon her Citizens to avenge her injuries & I am ready; although I am convinced the situation of my business & family calls as loudly for my (stay at home) & attention to them as any man's in Talbot County

Colonel Edward Lloyd
Wye House

William Rabsell
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