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[illegible] Lapatico July 14th 1812

Sir,

On the first Instant I resigned my commission as Surgeon of the 45th regiment of Maryland Militia. I directed the letter which I then addressed to the Executive to be forwarded by Mail, but it was rejected; a circumstance unknown to me until this day. The letter was not put in the Office; I therefore forward it by my Father's Servant. The Executive will receive a petition made by Joseph Edwards, who was attached to the Cavalry, but drafted in the infantry. All the circumstances stated in the petition I know to be correct. On the release of Edwards depends, in a great degree, the success of the Cavalry offering in

James Monroe's Letter

Hon Secretary of State

Washington