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in filling the in [redacted] company, many who attached themselves to the Cavalry on the day of meeting in regiment for draft, were held as infantry through the obstinacy of the former Captain, who have evinced, in every case, a strong disposition to prevent the formation of a single Troop.

Our Cavalry is not yet organised, but I hope will be so in a few days. A meeting is ordered on the 23rd. Inst. I am I have been informed by Capt. Forrest, for I have not at any time received orders from the Col., for the purpose of raising the quota required from this district. I am Edwards case, I hope you will do every thing you can for the interest of the Cavalry. My Commission does not state to which Squadron I shall be attached; I wish to command that raised in St. Mary's.

Permit me through you, to volunteer my services as a Major of Cavalry to be attached to the quota of Maryland. I remain

Sir, with great esteem
your obt. Serv.
Jas. Thomas

P.S.
If you will write me by
the return of Mr. Brown
I shall esteem it a favor
Mr. Forrest's affidavits was taken
accompanied Edwards [illegible], but I have
not received it
J.T.