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Col Lewis Duvall
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Lieut Col Duvall. Annapolis 16th July 1812 –

Sir/

On Saturday last I with other of my fellow Citizens stood my draft, at which time I was drafted, and feeling willing to render my country all the service that is in my power as an individual to do. I most cheerfully take up arms to oppose with my brother soldiers the common foe. But at the same time I feel (owing to the emaciated state of my body) myself very incompetent to undergo that labour that falls to the lot of a common soldier. I therefore do intend to apply to his Excellency, and his Honorable Council for a commission. which if granted I flatter myself I shall support with all that Honor, that has heretofore characterized

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