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His Excellency
Robert Bowie Esq.
Governor
of the State
of
Maryland

Mr.
H. Clements

Dear Sir,

The Bearer Mr. Horatio Clements waits on you, solicitous of an appointment in the Militia required from this State by the General Government — He is a young Gentleman of respectable connexions, a near neighbour of mine, and from my acquaintance with his general deportment in Society, I hereby pronounce, fully worthy of your patronage. As an inducement to preferment, I do state upon Honour, that Mr. Clements has, one of very few in this County, volunteered in the service of the Militia required as above, thereby displaying a Zeal in the interest of his Country, solely in the power of your Excellency, on this occasion to reward

I have the honour,

Sir