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His Excellency Robert Bowie Esq
Gov.r of Maryland
Annapolis

Charles County 17th July 1812

Sir

Permit me to recommend to your consideration Mr. Horatio Clements who is desirous of obtaining a Commission the Militia of Maryland now about to be organized Mr. Clements is a young Gentleman of a reputable & Respectable family; I have been acquainted with him from his Infancy to the present time in whom I have observed remarkably sober & steady habits his general deportment very correct – At the same time it may not be improper to observe that he is one among the small number in this County who volunteered & offered his service on this occasion; From the warm attachment discovered by him to serve his Country; I trust he would make a vigilant Officer & a zealous supporter thereof –

I am Sir
with great respect yr
Mt. Obd. Servt

Jos Wood