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Sir

I have the satisfaction to inform your Excellency that the whole of Major C S Ridgely's Squadron have Volunteered their service, as a part of the Quota required from the State by the Gen Government those are the only Troops yet organised within the bounds of My Command, so soon as they are organised I have no doubt this patriotic example will unhesitatingly be follow'd – this being the case, I again take the liberty of reminding your Excellency of the hinder hints some made by myself verbally should the Troops put under my immediate Command Volunteer their service I should claim as matter of right the acceptance of My service – I have no doubt but every officer and Man in the Regiment will offer their service – in a day or two I shall receive a Complete return of the Squadron above – when the regular

His Excellency
The Commander in
Chief

Maryland