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Baltimore. 19th May 1813.

Dear Kinian –

A Battalion of Riflemen here, formerly commanded by Major Woodland (it has been called I think the first Maryland Battalion of Riflemen) are desirous that I should succeed to the vacant Command – and I have consented to do as they wish – if the Governor & Council approve. There are at present four Companies – in some of which Commissions are wanted – and I recommend through you to the Executive that Commissions be issued according to the subjoined List. – W. Airquitt will go to Annapolis upon this Subject & to him I refer you

(for)

Recommend to fill Batt. 1. Bn. Rifle Regiment