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my Enquiries, and I feel assured that it is correct. —

It has become doubtful, as I understand, whether W. Bulls Company can advantageously and efficiently form a part of our Battalion, on account of the want of Arms and some other Circumstances, — I would therefore request that the Commission for that Company may be postponed for the present. — Another Company of Riflemen, already armed and uniformed, has applied to come into the Battalion - but the application has not yet been decided on; and it is probable that a similar application will be made from another Quarter. — upon that subject I may perhaps trouble you again in a few Days.

In the meantime I beg leave to ask that there may be no Delay in issuing the Commissions for Dyer's Coad's Baders and Airyeth's Companies. — The movements of the Enemy's Force in the Chesapeake make it extremely desirable that we should be placed in a Situation to do our Duty as soon as possible. — I have Reason to know that the Services of our Battalion are much counted upon here - and that they are impatient to receive a regular authority from the Government to answer the public Expectation.

I take this Occasion to mention that it will be agreeable to the Battalion that my Son, William Pinkney Junr., should be commissioned as Ajutant. — If the Board see no Objection I beg that he may be commissioned accordingly. —

I have the Honour to be with high Consideration

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant.

W Pinkney