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Gentlemen,

I have it in Charge from Congress most earnestly to request, that you will immediately appoint Subaltern Officers for the several Companies which are now raising in your State, in Consequence of your Orders, that the recruiting Service may be expedited as fast as possible, and the Men when raised be properly trained.

The enclosed Resolve, recommending it to you to call forth the Militia from the Counties therein mentioned, and such other as you shall think proper, to reinforce Genl. Washington at this critical Period, I am to request you will immediately comply with, agreeably to the Terms of the same. I have the Honour to be,

Gentlemen

your most obed. & humble Servt.

John Hancock Presidt.

Hon'ble Council of Safety of the State of Maryland.

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