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Charles County 18th Apr 1776

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Having the Convenience & Interest of Col. Ware, and from some slight opportunity of formerly being known to you, I make free to request your Interest for me if any more Troops should be raised in this Province to get me in any office in the Service, I shall be even satisfied with a Sergeant, rather than be out of employ, which has been the case this sometime owing to the Stopage of Merchandizing

I must therefore beg you will favour me so much as have my name put on the list of Applicants —

If any office either in Land or Naval Service should offer or as an agent, therein I shall be glad of —

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

I am with great respect

Sir

Your Most Obt. Hble Servt

Hugh Gardner