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I received a Commission from you about ten days ago appointing me Lieut. of this County; At that time I was so ill with the Camp fevour that I could scarce read, much less acknowledge the receipt of it by writing. I am now thanks God in a fair way of recovery, and am about making out warrants to persons in different parts of the county, to make out and return me Lists agreable to the Militia Law of all the able bodied men in the County.

I observe by the Law that no company is to consist of less than fifty, nor Exceed twenty six privates; numbers but illy calculated either for Sloping or the present mode of Discipline; If the companys were fixt at sixty four privates each, they might be Equally Class't, and the divisions of the company well calculated for performing any part of discipline. — If it's pleas God to restore me health & strength, I shall endeavour as speedily as possible to put the Militia of this county on as respectable a footing agreable to the Law, as the times will admit of. — If there should be any Alterations, or Additions to the Law by the present Assembly, I should be glad to know it that I may act conformable thereto. — I hope in about three weeks time I shall be able to wait on You; I am

Your Excellcy Most Obedt.
And very Humble Serv.

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