Sir

2 I find upon enquiry that a Lieutenancy of Marines in the Ship Defence is vacant, wch I should be very glad was filled by a Brother of mine Thos Coale; he has had for some time past a desire of entering in the Naval Service, & I think would execute his commition with Spirit & Fidelity.

Your influence towards his being appointed to the above vacancy will ever be acknowledged as the greatest Obligation You could confer on Sir

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Your very Humble Servt

Th. Coale

Baltimore
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