To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland

Gentlemen

Having applied to the Convention in January last for a Commission in the forces then raising for the Defence of this province, And that application not meeting wit success, I immediately, on the knowledge of my disappointment, determined to serve my country at all events, And within ten days after the forming of the Battalion entered a Cadet in Capt Stone's Company, / my private affairs calling me into Virginia prevented my attending the Battalion sooner. I being informed that there are several vacancies now in the Battalion (and that your Honours have power to fill up) the same, And being advised that it is the intention of this Board, to prefer the Cadets, and Sergeants of equal merit, in preference to any others, Most Humbly beg leave to remind your Honours, as I am the second Cadet in the Battalion, that I may not escape your notice; If your Honours think my merit deserving of a Commission. I would not be thought to solicit the Board for a Commission from lucrative motives, having a sufficient estate to support me in ease and quiet, Did I

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