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May it plean your Excellency,

Talbot County June 12th 1770.

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I have sent Seventy three Men off to Camp, as part of the Quota for this County. the remaining Thirty two are some excus'd and others under fine. so that the Number which the County will furnish at this time cannot be ascertained.

Mr. Jeremiah Garland an Ensign in the fourth Battalion is the only Officer draughted. He is willing to go, but not being prepar'd to March immediately has requested to have Mr. William Garland recommended to take his Birth. Mr. Garland wants to stay at Home for Three Months and then he would relieve the other if it could be so managed, if not, Mr. William Garland on having a Commission will do duty the Nine Months.

I must beg leave to represent the Conduct of Capt. Coursey of the Chester Gally now in Miles River, for geting on board several of the Substitutes and Draughts for this County, and refusing to deliver them up, by which means Lieu.t Benson who had the care of the Substitutes and was under Marching Orders was detained; After the Officer sent to demand the Men had returned, Mr. Coursey sent a Verbal message that He would deliver the Substitutes if sent for again, but the Draughts He would not.

I am,
Yr. Excellency's
Most Obed.t H.ble Serv.t
Chris.r Birckhead

N.B. Mr. Garland would be glad of a Lieu.t Commission, if it can be had, I have no reason to doubt but that he is capable for that Post.