Sir,

Talbot County July 7th 1778.

I wrote to you on the 12th of June last, informing your Excellency that I had sent Seventy three Men to Camp as part of our Quota, that there were Thirty two Draughts remaining, one of which has since got a Substitute which I have also sent to Camp; Thirteen were discharged by the Court Martial, and three others by the Court of Appeal, Twelve remains fin'd. and Three are willing to go on Duty, for which I wait your Excellencies orders.

Mr Jeremiah Garland an Ensign is the only Officer Draughted, he is willing to go on Duty but the circumstance of his affairs will not admit him at present, Mr Garland requests if your Excellency will indulge him so far, to fill a Commission for Mr Wm Garland (his Nephew) for three Months and at the end of that time a nother for himself for six Months, if it can be so managed, if not Mr Wm Garland will serve the Nine Months, if a Commission is filled up for Him, Mr Garland would be glad to have a Lieut. Commission, which I have no reason to doubt but that he is very capable of.

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

I am, Yr Excellencies
Mo obdt Servt Chris: Birckhead