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Harford County May 29th 1780.

Sir

In consequence of your Excellency's order of 20th Inst. I marched over to Cecil yesterday Part of two Companies of our Militia and tomorrow shall, many more as will make them compleat to one hundred and twenty Men, It has been with difficulty I have been able to get this number together being obliged to call on four & five Classes of these Battalions. The Season of the year, & the draught of Sixty Men for nine Month make our Men very averse to turning out. The draught for nine months will fall very heavy on this County being at first over rated & a number of our Young Men have engaged in the Quarter Master Department as Waggoners for twelve months & several are gone up the Susquehanah as Boat Builders besides Baltimore Town has taken a Number of the Inhabitants of this County for their Recruits. I shall be glad to know from your Excellency if I may not deem those Who have enlisted as Waggoners & Boat Builders as of our Proportion and deduct as many from the draught We are to make

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

I just received a Letter from Colo Hollingsworth informing me that Genl Smallwood had removed from Wilmington and that he was under apprehensions of being Alarmed at Elk by the Enemy. I have sent him 9 Waggons I had Purchased for the Purpose of removing the Stores here & in a few days shall send as many more with this Assistance I hope he will be able to preserve the Stores there & be a means of soon discharging our Militia I am Sir Your Excellency's most Hble Servt Richd Dallam