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My Dear Sir.

79 The Weather has been so very bad today that I thought it best to stay at home. — Yesterday the Court met but there was but three Justices from the County, Mr Sollers who had 31 on his List, Mr Courtenay 32, and Mr Bufsey 120. Mr Calhoun 320, Mr Lindenburg 200, Mr Spear 100 & myself 79. on the whole I expect about one third of the County have taken the Oath of Fidelity, but its only guess work. Several good People have refused, every one of the Methodists, & all the Quakers, their objection is the compulsion to bear Arms, many of them I believe would have affirmed, with that exceptions. — I feel Concern for some and among the rest Mr Hollingsworth, who has been always a most industrious & useful Member of Society, he comes down to see you and have some Conversation, I wish you would have a Chat with him at Night, because I think it probable that you may remove his Scruples, as I know he entertains the highest Opinion of you. — I spoke to Mr Calhoun Yesterday about writing you on the Condemn.a of the Criminals, I expect the Ch. did it today, he promised me he would. I shall desire Jesse to call.

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Gent.n from Virg.a tells me recruiting their Army, by drafting the Singlemen succeeds beyond their expectation