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Sir Camp at Middle Brooks 22 Feb.y 1779

I do myself the Honor to inclose you a List of Deserters from the 2. M. Reg.t the Command of which has devolved on me those Men are all at this Time in Mary land and from what I have heard pass on their ordinary Business with impunity

It is in vain for the Legislature to enact Laws or Officers to spend their Time and the Public Money to fill the Regiments, while the Officers of Militia, and the People at large take so little Pains for the apprehending Deserters, indeed I am well informd that great care has been taken by many to conceal them from Search

If your Excell.y should adopt any Resolution for ~~them~~ ~~Apprehension~~ Apprehending them Sergeant Parrot will take charge of all such as may be taken by the Twentieth of April untill which Time he has my Orders to Remain, he is fully and may be intrusted with the execution of any Orders your Excell.y