To his Excellency Robert Wright Esquire Governor of the State of Maryland

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We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Frederick county, being fully sensible of the importance of a well regulated Militia at all times but more especially so at this eventful crisis and which we consider as the safest mode of defence for Republican Institutions. Yet we have to lament as a melancholy truth that, in our district its dignity and, consequently its utility are sunk into contempt and ridicule, thro the incompetancy, Neglect and improper conduct of Men holding Offices; nor, do we at present perceive any reformation is likely to be effected, as our Commandant Lieutenant Colonel John Wampler, proposes to govern his Regiment on principles which from our earliest days we have been taught to despise as, bearing the characteristics of Tyranny to wit, setting up his Judgment in opposition to that of the majority. he says there shall be no more nominations by Election that he intends to be nominate himself, from which conduct we apprehend much of the harmony and, consequently good order essential to Military discipline will be injured, if not destroyed; Because Men in the Ranks will always express by words or, otherwise their dislike for officers who, are not the choice of the Majority of them, and, will consider the assumption of a right, such as that claimed by Lieutenant Colonel Wampler as an innovation on a principle and privilege; tho not conceded by Law, yet, enjoyed by immemoriable Custom.

We further represent to your Excellency our opinion that, when Militia Men are permitted to —

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