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The hon:ble the Governor & Council of Maryland

I expect there will be an application made to your Honors in a few days by Mr. Poole Daniel Zollickoffer or Thos. Gist or some person in their behalf in order to obtain Commissions for themselves to command a troop of horse within the bounds of any Regt. attached to the 9th Brigade of the Maryland Militia Frederick County. These youngsters, Gentlemen Sons as I may justly term them think that they by a petition or some other deceptious pica of writing may induce your Honors to grant them their request without any hesitation. But I trust that your Honors will be upon your guard & not to commission them by any means, I conceive & am positive that if they were appointed it would be merely forming a Drag Com pany more attached to that, than the County in which they live. There is already if I mistake not two troops of horse attached to the 9th Brigade, They as I am

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