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Balt. Town 25. May 1777

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I wrote you 5 or 6 days ago. giving an Acct. of the Strength of y. 4th. Regt. /Viz 300 Men/ and the Improbability of ever filling unless a Draft or Some other Method Should be fallen on by the Legislature. I believe that Regiment is as Strong as any in the State yet present has more Men in Camp than any Regt. belonging to Maryland. I have induced many of the Militia to Supply Men on the Terms recommended by Congress. Many have provided Men in Expectation that Such Law will be enacted immediately on the Meeting of the House but are not willing to give them untill they are made Certain —

I am ordered to remain here to forward the recruiting Service, unless Some Method will Soon be fallen on, I can be of little use. I Shall therefore be much oblig'd if your Excellency will inform me whether there is a prospect of Such Measures being Soon taken. I am

with y. greatest Respect

your Excellency's

Mo. Obed. Servt.

Sam Smith

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