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Happening to be in Baltimore at the present threatening period. I beg leave to offer my services. I have order'd the Recruits to the Number of 40 to be collected & shall arm them, — About 450 ~~men~~ Virginians who were on their March to Camp & now returning will be in this place to Night or tomorrow, I beg leave to know your Excellency's pleasure respecting them, this Town wishes much to detain them, a Capt. Commands them, — I imagine were their orders, the Town might be embodied,

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

I Have the Honor to be

your Excellcy

M.t obed.t Serv.t

Sam Smith