Officers at least the few who have March'd have asked me whether they would be justified in going without his Orders. I believe I may count on One half (Order'd) from this County & that principally from the precincts. I send you Col.o Yates Letter on which I shall make no Comment. you will say that the having but 7 Captains is no good Military reason why his Regiment should not furnish its Quota

I understand from Col.o Benson that Col.o Hollingsworth has managed so as to prevent a Draft in Cecil the rest of the Eastern Shore have furnished 470 Men who have March'd from hence. I understand that there were 800 Men expected from that Shore. If the other parts of this State should be equally deficient I shall have no Occasion for another Lieu.t Colonel — I have the Hon.r to be

your Most Ob.t Serv.t

J. Smith

NB. No Horse yet Order'd — Your Drum Corps are to be expected from Baltimore to-morr — as almost every other of both troops have gone to Duell — Col.o Spriggs Instruction