Sir / 11 Camp at Williamsport 9th Oct. 1794

Since my Arrival here I am Informed by Letter from Colo. Cresap that he has been appointed L. Colo. of One of the Regiments under my Command = I presume you Excelly made the Appointment under the Expectation of the Number being made Compleat, finding that the Quota of Maryland would not be full, I thought it for the good of the Service to form the men that appeared into two Regiments & One Battalion, which I placed under the Command of Colos Benson & Carlile & Major Spears = of this I advis'd Colo. Cresap the day after I Recd. his Letter The Same cause has made it necessary to dispense with Major Ott's Services — Not being Inform'd that your Excelly. had Appointed Mr. McMahon as Adjutant & Mr. Magruder as Quarter Master the Troops being in want of Such Officers, I had on the Nominations of the Field Officers filled those Offices in the Regiments, but being Authorized by Genl. Lee & finding it extremely Inconvenient to be without a Brigade Quarter Master I have detained Mr. Magruder & he now acts in that Capacity. his Knowledge of the Country will be very usefull — and by Directions of Genl. Lee, and Conceiving it highly necessary & proper (especially as our Number was so different) I have Authorized Mr. McMahon to Raise a Company

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