Dear Sir

I took the first opportunity of laying before the Council the Letter with which you honoured me on the subject of Major Shelmerdine's claim to succeed to the Command of the Battalion which includes the Militia of Frederick Town — after a short consultation the following was announced to me as the opinion of the Board —

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"In arranging and organizing the Militia "one great object of the Board was to appoint "the Officers of Regiments, Battalions &c. convenient "in point of residence to the Men under their "command.

"The Residence of the Officers within "the District comprehending his Men has "uniformly been deemed essential, and has "been invariably attended to except where "necessity has compelled the Board to "dispense with it.

"Sir

Lieut Col. John McPherson