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The original Establishment of the Army made it equally honourable to hold Commissions in the sixteen or independent Regiments, as in State-Regiments. Under this Establishment military Posts have been accepted.

Much has been the Deficiency in Emolument, and much the Deficiency in Support to the independent Corps. It has hitherto been patiently borne by the Sufferers, because of the Wants of their Country, and the Expectancy of Relief at some future Day. At Length the Resolution of Congress appeared, directing the Subjects of each State, Soldiers in the sixteen Regiments, to be considered as Part of the Quota of Troops from their respective States, and to be treated with perfect Equality. Under this Resolve of Congress I have heretofore claimed, and received in Consequence of the Claim, Supplies of Necessaries for such Officers & Soldiers as belong to the State of Maryland in my Corps. I now beg Leave to present my Claim to my Proportion of Levies.

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It is my Opinion as it is my Wish, that your Excellency & Council will coincide with me in Sentiment; that you will be pleased to give me an Order for the Possession of Twenty of the new Levies; or, that you will allow me to withdraw the Soldiers now in my Corps Subjects of your State, & to throw them into the Quota of some other People. Be assured, Sir, there is no State whose Service I conceive more honourable than that of Maryland; and that the above Request proceeds only from an Earnestness to make those Gentlemen happy whom Fortune has placed under