

Drafted out of the Militia of this County one Hundred men to march under the Command of Capt. Tobias Stansbury as p the Inclosed List; there is a few more but have Ordered the Capt to discharge all but the above number. Also three young Gentlemen are gone out Voluntiers near one half them have no Arms, Part of those they have the Capt. has Ordered to be impressed from a man near this Town which were for Sale, he has also taken the Ammunition Lodged in this place.

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I am also to inform your Excellency that one William Roberts (who is esteemed a Man of Credit) was with us Yesterday, and says he came through the South Mountain Thursday last, this side of which he saw four Houses burnt about four Miles from Major Ogles and that a Messenger came to him yesterday morning to give him an Account that four men were killed the same day he came through Mountain and at the same Gap he pass'd which is not above Sixty five Miles from this Place altho' the Danger is so near it was with great Difficulty we got the number of Men.

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I also received your Letter of 31<sup>st</sup> of August inclosing your Recruiting Instructions I observe your orders and will do all in my power to get Men.

I am Your Excellencys  
Most Humble Servant  
John Hall.

[J. Belt to Sharpe.]

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To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire  
Governor of Maryland.

May it please your Excellency.

I have the pleasure to Inform your Excellency that the Detachment of a Hundred Ordered from the Militia of Prince Georges County was made up intirely of Voluntiers, as p List herewith, and that they all, except one sick man marched from Bladensburg on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant in high Spirits, under the Command of Capt. Ioshua Beall, with the Instructions received from your Excellency for his Guidance.

I am apprehensive this may have taken longer time, than your Excellency expected but had it been effected with more Dispatch, the Detachment would probably consisted Chiefly of Draughted men, and I presume there cannot be the same Dependance of Service from those, as may be Reasonably expected from Voluntiers; many of ours, are of Good Family, and have Considerable property to defend and have Enter'd into the Service of their Country, with the greatest Alacrity.