

August 10 cut any figure shou'd the Enemy Pay us a Visit. Pray let us bee Pro-  
 vided and if we dont make a Proper use of them we ought to be  
 slaves. I dont know what to do with the Classes suspended under  
 the Act to procure troops I am afraid I cant execute for the 41 instruct  
 me upon this head

N R. No Volenteer select Militia in this County accept a Company  
 of about 35 men who are good for little the others are drafted and  
 are so dispersed and the drafted Persons both Whig and tory so  
 that I shall be able to do little with them.

August 10 [Ja<sup>s</sup> Calhoun, Baltimore to His Excellency Thomas S. Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>]  
 Brown Book (p<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Barney.)  
 No. 5  
 Letter 32

The bearer of this William Barney is Son to a very industrious  
 reputable Woman of this neighbourhood who has several small  
 Children to support by her own industry and that of this Youth  
 as her Husband and eldest son is already in the Army and has been  
 for several years past.

In the late draft it fell to this young Mans Lot to serve until the  
 10<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> next which will in a great measure break up his poor  
 Mother & small family. If your Excellency could consistantly dis-  
 pense with his Service and procure his Discharge it would be a hu-  
 mane good Act

August 10 [The Petition of Sarah Barney of Baltimore County, To His  
 Brown Book Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>]  
 No. 5  
 Letter 33

Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner's Son has been Draughted  
 under a Law Passed last Session of Assembly to serve in the Conti-  
 nental Army till the Tenth day of December next. By which your  
 Petitioner and family must expect to be reduced to the greatest ex-  
 tremity of want, as he (with what little your Petitioner can do) is  
 the only Support of your Petitioner and Six small Children, who  
 entirely depend on the Labour of his hands for a Maintinance and  
 what still adds more to your Distressed Petitioners uneasiness of  
 mind is that your Petitioners son which is Draughted has never had  
 the Small Pox should he be taken with that distemper at this Season  
 of the year as its more than Probable he may as its so brief at pres-  
 ent, it may Possibly put an end to his existance. On which depends  
 in a great measure your Petitioner's future happiness & support in  
 this world.

Your Petitioner's Husband and oldest son has been in the Ameri-  
 can Service this six years past and Still Continue in the service for  
 they are Enlisted during the War

Your Petitioner Therefore most Humbly Prays your Excellency  
 would take her Case into Consideration and give her such redress as  
 your Excellency may think meet, And your Petitioner as in Duty  
 bound will ever Pray

Sarah Barney