

[Jn^o D. Thompson, Cecil County to His Excellency Thomas Sim August 11
Lee, Esq^r] (p^r Mr. Concoa)

There are something above fifty men enrolled in this county to serve untill the 10th day of December next, the most of them since the time limited by law, that is the 16th July last—it is the opinion of many gentlemen here and some of the delegates, that those who have enrolled themselves voluntarily, may receive the twenty dollars bounty, Cloaths &c^a under this idea we have Procured the above men, and indeed I doubt not, but it has been Promised them, in a very few days the whole will be compleated, the Principal Part of which are young men Americans born, and in whom the country can put confidence, if these young men receive their bounty and cloaths. I am all but certain, that there are but very few of them but what will continue in the Service; I must therefore Pray your Excellency will render us, every assistance in your Power, and send me up as much money as will answer this purpose, a negative to this requisition will throw us into confusion, and those already enrolled will move with reluctance, and I fear Put a stop to others enrolling. Draughted men, who are forced out will render very little assistance or rather do no good. I have yet remaining ten or twelve men of the troops raised agreeable to the Act to Procure recruits, who will be sent forward as soon as the Sheriff can collect money for them, he has met with great difficulty in levying the four shillings, by the advice of some People in this county, and the State has suffered in consequence—

You wrote me of the 23^d ultimo and 3^d instant to march the recruits &c to Annapolis, I have no officer to give the command to and to send them by land, so great a distance, without an Officer (I think) will be attended with bad consequences, the next week I shall be able to send off between sixty and seventy which I mean to do by water unless you give me orders to the contrary.

Among those men I have two men who were brought before me as Vagrants and since have enlisted, these men are entitled to £22..10 each, will you please to supply me with this sum also? I can assure you that the Subscription and Association for the credit of the £200,000 has been Signed by Several in this county—I wrote you sometime ago for commissions for Samuel Hutchison Capt. 18th Battⁿ Noble Veazey 1st Lieut. Noble Beedle 2^d Lieut. and William Price ensign, I will thank you for these Commissions, in a Commission to Capt. Scott of the 2^d or Elk Battalion of this county a mistake is made by inserting William instead of John, with your consent I will alter the name from William to John—

Please to send me Commissions for Barruch Williams as Lieu^t Col^o of the 30th Batt. and James Maxwell Major. M^r Concoa I have