

August 16 the flower by water from this to Potomack, would be attended with very great risque, and to cart it over by land, would cost more than would purchase a Waggon & team under these reflections I have postponed the business untill I hear from you upon the Subject which I beg may be by the return of M^r Lansdale

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[Geo. P. Keepports, Baltimore, to Gov. Lee]

I yesterday Received from Phil^a p^r John Fulton & Henry Magill Two Brass 4 pd^{rs} Mounted on Travelling Carriages with Limbers & Ammunition Boxes Compleat

August 16 [Joseph Dashiell, Snow Hill, to His Ex'cy Thomas Sim Lee.]
(fav^d by Geo. Dashiell, Esq.)

Your favours of 23^d July & 3^d Aug^t Came to hand the 9th Ins^t in consequence of which I gave orders to our recruits, Draughts & substitutes to prepare to march Immediately, the gratest part of them met me at this place on Tuesday last, and have agreed to march on Friday next, if I can pay them their Bounty, which I am realy afraid I Cannot, as it is imposable to Colect it from those that owe the 4 p Cent however as many as I can pay, will march with the late Draughts many of which seem very willing to do their Touer of duty; others I am afraid will desert.

I have very Carefully Examined into the Complaints of the Draughted men, and such as Came within the law I have Discharged, the reasons shall Come with the officer that Brings up the men. I have in sum Instances done what is not waranted by the law, for whare a Draught did not find a substitute within Twenty days he could not find one, Except he Inlisted to serve three years, many Complained that they did not know that, and sum married men that have large Familys & ware in years I Rec^d substitutes from to serve the same time they ware Compeled to serve themselves This I hope will meet your Excellencys approbation, as I have done it purely to releave the Distresd, & the public Cannot be worsted by it

Their is Two of Our Draughted men had entered on bord the Barge Protector, Cap^t Walley, for six months Before the Draught these men have requested me to Join their request to Capt Walleys that they may not be put in the Land Service, as they are already Ingaged in the service of the State by water which they much prefer, tho they are perfectly satisfied to march if their is a real Necessity and you order them so to do, I have Consented to let them Continue whare they are untill I heare from you and have your further Directions.

Inclosed you have the role of the Select Militia, hope you will send down their Commissions, as they stand recomended on the role, I should have sent them up sooner by Express but had not as much