

February 17 that the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council may be informed whatever Compensation  
 Red Book or Commission the Executive of Maryland may think proper to allow  
 No. 28 you for Negotiating this Business you are to be content with. I wish  
 Letter 72 this may lead to a Connexion with your native State that may be  
 Beneficial to both it and you

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[Baker Johnson, Fred<sup>k</sup> Town to Gov Lee]

Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> inclosing the Resolve of the House of Delegates, relative to Capt Browns Corps and Col<sup>o</sup> Weltners part of the German Batt<sup>l</sup> composing part of the Guard to the Convention Troops at this place came to hand the day before yesterday, the duplicate a day or two before Gen<sup>l</sup> Gist had wrote me (I Presume with your knowledge and approbation) to deliver such Men as were under my direction here to Capt. Lansdale who he had sent to take command of the residue of the German Batt<sup>l</sup>, infering that something had happened (unknown to me) that induced you to counteract the Resolve of the Assembly as to what men should compose the Guard here, I marched eleven men with Col<sup>o</sup> Weltners, tho' I much wished events had not happened to have taken them from this place, the men which were marched from here, with Capt Browns Corps would have made a Guard sufficient without calling a Single Militia man and undoubtedly would have answered the end much better. Col<sup>o</sup> Crockett is now under marching Orders and waits for nothing but to be relieved, I have Ordered a full Company of Militia from this County to be ready by the 21<sup>st</sup> and wrote to Col<sup>o</sup> Griffith (as you directed) to have the Company from Montgomery County here by that day if possible, but I fear he will not be able I have undertaken to Issue those Orders as it is essentially necessary Col<sup>o</sup> Crockett should be relieved, but I hope and for that purpose send this Express to you, that you will be pleased to appoint some other Gentlemen to take the Command of the Guard, it is by no means in my power to attend to it, and tho I would not presume to dictate, I should suppose it might not be inconvenient, or improper to send some one of the officers belonging to the Maryland Line to take the Command, should there be no one, that you could immediately send, Capt Bailey lives in Town and I suppose might discharge the trust very satisfactorily Col<sup>o</sup> Crockett has requested me to inform you that the Prisoners have not drawn any flesh provisions this 15 or 16 days, that the Guards are several days in arrear, I leave you to Judge what the Militia Guard will say to such living, would it not be right to impower M<sup>r</sup> Murdock to send Waggon to Pr. Geo<sup>s</sup> for what flesh is there, or any where else that it is to be had. I must not omit to mention that the whole neighbourhood is continually plundered, owing as it is thought in great measure to the Prisoners and Guards being so badly supplied with provisions, I again request and hope you will