

Charlestown, June 4th, 1836.

To Brigadier General James Sewall.

Dear Sir — A volunteer company has been raised at Charlestown—the company has upwards of fifty members on its enrolment and a number more young men has promised to join it this evening. The company met at our school room in Charlestown, and chose Capt. John Bennett and myself Judges, and John Hall and William Parnell, Clerks, to conduct the election for officers. as you will see by the certificate on the other side, James Hasson was elected Captain, John Owens, Lieutenant, and James Alexander Ensign, these gentlemen had each a majority of the company present, I think the selection of officers is a good one, they are all men of courage, and they are able to equip themselves. I would also add that they appear to be much in the want of it, as I had the honor once of being your Brigade Major, they have applied to me to write you on their behalf as we are informed that the rail road people are to have a frolick and marching in company on the 4th July. It is very important for us that this company should be commissioned at once, and also that they shall be provided with good muskets and bayonets. We are threatened, and I do assure you, we feel afraid. Let me then, on behalf of the company, ask the favor of you to write by first mail for their commissions and sixty good muskets and bayonets, and if they can be had, cartridge boxes. I have hurried to get this letter to you without delay, as the Governor and Council is now in session at Annapolis, and as soon as the legislature rises they will also rise. I am informed that Mr. L. H. Evans, and some others are going to raise a company at the ferry, and I hear also that there will be one raised at North East—this will be an acquisition to your command. I hope you will be pleased to state to the Governor our situation and urge him to send the commissions and arms at once.

I am, sir,

With much respect,

JOHN N. BLACK.