

In Council Annapolis 13th March 1778.

Sirs

No. 114.

We have, by this conveyance, sent over a Commission to Mr. Happer, ^{being} just now received your Letters of the 9th & 12th. We have said to ^{Mr. Chamberlain} ^{says very} ^{dearly} but no immediate Opportunity by which to contrive it to you, ^{Colo.} Hindman having a small Quantity has given an Order for 12 Bushels which we hope, you will readily get. It is out of our Power to repay you your Advance, but shall be mindful to do it as soon as possible which we flatter ourselves, will be in a few Days.

Nathl. Potter Esq.
Caroline County }

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We received your Letter of the 1st Inst. only yesterday. Our Orders, as you imagined, were given on the Presumption that the third & fourth Classes 115 of the Frederick Militia had already served, but as that is not the Case we desire you to call on the oldest Classes which may not already have served in course, according to their Seniority. We hoped the Assembly would have met before this Time and have either approved the Method proposed for getting Guards, or pointed out some other which they might have thought better.

Charles Beatty Esq.
St. of Frederick County }

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Sir

110. There appears to us no Probability of your obtaining your Schooner again unless on a Discrimination between you and others, which we hope you would not wish to have done in your Favour, and would be very improper for us to contribute to. We have already refused on several Applications to permit People to go to the Enemy to solicit for Negroes taken or run away from them and shall not, by any Means, permit the Citizens of this State to entreat for Favours from the Enemy.

Mr. Henry Lawes.

We are Sirs &c.