

The Militia law of this State, has long since  
expired, and our Legislature having hitherto de-  
-layed the necessary regulations for giving effect  
to the late act of Congress, we neither have, nor  
can we legally appoint Militia Officers; and  
of course, if my commanding in person should  
be disapproved by the Board, there is no person  
to whom the charge might devolve. The

reflections arising from this Circumstance have  
led me to consider myself called upon rather  
as the Head of the Executive of Maryland,  
than as Commander in Chief of the Militia,  
and I have in consequence laid the subject before  
those who are associated with me in the former  
trust and consulted them on the means of  
obviating the difficulty I have stated. The

Gentlemen of the Council concur with me in  
opinion, that unless I should call a meeting  
of the Assembly for the purpose of organizing  
the Militia, I cannot by any means command  
a force for the purposes you have pointed out.

It may not however be difficult to excite a

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