

Annapolis August 11th 1794

Sir,

I have the Honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant with the Proclamation accompanying it. On consulting the Council on the Subject of furnishing the body of Militia required from this State with the Arms belonging to the public, I find that they do not think themselves authorized so to do; and not being able to ascertain what number of the militia to be selected for this occasion will have arms of their own, I am under the necessity of advising that provision may be made by the General Government for furnishing the whole detachment from this State with arms as well as the other articles of equipment. I shall immediately take the best measures in my power for having the necessary draughts made, and shall inform you of their condition in point of equipment as soon as it can be ascertained.

The Honble
Henry Knox, Esquire
Secretary of War.

I have the Honour to be
Yours
Thos. S. Lee.

Annapolis August 15th 1794.

Sir,

In obedience to the requisition made by the President of the United States for the organising and holding in constant readiness for marching a Detachment of the Militia of this State for the purposes mentioned in his Proclamation of the 7th Instant.

I have in quality of Commander in Chief of the said Militia issued the orders which you will receive herewith enclosed, and having this day taken into consideration the appointment of officers for this Service it has appeared to me as well as to the Council that the nomination of an Officer to Command the Detachment ought not to be delayed.

Your Character no less than your rank has pointed you out both to the Gentlemen of the Board and to me as the proper person for this Trust, and I have in consequence concluded to appoint you to the Command of the body of Militia required by the Executive of the United States on this occasion; in notifying which I must express my hope that you may find it convenient to take this charge upon you, and that you will with the least possible delay repair to this City for the purpose of accepting your assistance