

The Execution of the views of the General Government on this subject, as respects Privateers of the above description that may hereafter be found in the Port or District of Baltimore. As the line of conduct proper to be pursued relative to these vessels is so fully explained in the letter enclosed, I have only further to request that you will be pleased from time to time to communicate to me such measures as you may have found it necessary to adopt in the accomplishment of the President's object. I concur with you in the opinion expressed in your letter of the twenty third Instant relative to the necessity of appointing a Brigade Staff and only delay the appointments until I receive information from you as to proper persons to whom the service would be convenient. The spirit and zeal exhibited by the companies of Artillery belonging to your Brigade in the voluntary offers of their services are highly honorable to themselves and must be peculiarly gratifying to the Government; but I agree with you that this meritorious tender ought not to be accepted in its full extent. At present it is impracticable to ascertain what particular proportion they ought to be permitted to furnish; but as soon as the whole returns of Artillery throughout the State are received a Ratio will be fixed upon and notified. It is probable that no attempt will be made to obtain for the Detachment more than one complete company of Artillery, in which event not more than fifty Privates will be required from the two companies in Baltimore. That a Number it is hoped can be spared without much inconvenience.

Brigadier General
Samuel Smith

I have the Honor to be
Sir, your most ob^d H^{ble} Serv^t
Wm. S. Lee

List of the Privateers comprehended within the meaning of this letter

Citizen Genet	} fitted out at Charleston, South Carolina
Sans Culotte	
Vainqueur de Bastille	
Petit Democrat	Philadelphia
Caranagpole	Delaware

In Council Annapolis August 26 1794

Sir

In consequence of the Act of Congress consenting to the Act of our General Assembly for the appointment of a Health Officer for the Port of Baltimore, the Board have been authorized