

of this State, I think it a very proper place except as to those of Allegany
and the upper part of Washington Counties, these according to the arrange-
ment hereto subjoined, you will perceive, I propose to assemble at
Cumberland, if any objection lies against this plan I hope to receive
simply information of it.

I see no reason to propose any further alteration to the
arrangements suggested, except that knapsacks, Canteens and Camp
Kettles will be requisite for the troops on their march from Pottsville
and from George Town (if that place should eventually become a place
of partial rendezvous) to Williams Port; and that provision should be
made for the accommodation of those who may assemble in the first
instance at Cumberland. Perhaps Mr Gale may have received
directions on this head, if not I presume you will weigh the
expediency of the measure and instruct him accordingly.

It remains to observe that although a disposition to condemn
the conduct of the Insurgents and to support the Government in its
measures to reduce them to a sense of duty may with great truth
be ascribed generally to the people of Maryland, this disposition has
hitherto produced effects very unequal at different places and at
different points of time since the requisition was made. I have however
no reason to doubt that it will be complied with at least so far as
respects the Infantry: I am less able to ascertain what number of Militia
and Cavalry will be obtained. From the very present organization of the
Militia the whole number now in training, will not much exceed
the amount of the requisition, and of these it may be supposed that
a considerable proportion cannot without great injury to their affairs
serve in person. With respect to Cavalry in particular, which cannot
be replaced by substitutes, notwithstanding a considerable degree of activity
at the commencement, the ultimate collection of the number proposed
is very doubtful, This arises from some circumstances for which it is
difficult to find a remedy. It seems certain that no one Troop will
furnish Volunteers sufficient for a distinct company, because an
incorporation of persons belonging to different Troops with the requisition
and I am apprehensive that the necessity of supplying vacant the Command
of new Officers and of mixing with the recruits a great variety of persons