

In Council July 12. 1798

Sir,

We have received your letter and are willing to comply with the wishes of those gentlemen who have formed themselves into Companies, on their officers entering into Bond as has been done in similar cases conditioned for their return in good order on the demand of the Executive.

As it is uncertain how many arms are in the armory at Easton and uncertain how many they may require, we have enclosed an order to you to be delivered on the officers executing a Bond as above for the return of the number that may be obtained, which Bond you will forward by a safe opportunity.

Nicholas Hammond Esq.

I am &c.

Jno. Henry

In Council July 10. 1798

Sir

The adjutant general having lately taken a tour on the Easton shore to procure a Return of the Militia and Drafts to complete our Quota required by Congress on arriving at the Regiment you command, one of the Majors complained that your residence in Baltimore had thrown all the duties of the Regiment on the other field officers, which had retarded the desirable object of Returns being made. It is of importance to the State that every officer should be extremely alert in complying with the general orders that have been issued by the Commander in Chief, as well as the directions of the Governor and Council on that head. Should your views be such as will require you to continue your residence so far from the Regiment you command, it will of course derange the whole Division to which you belong and retard a completion of the present Returns so much