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The Hon: James M. Henry

Ben. Ogle

In Council November 26. 1798

Sir,

a letter from the Secretary at War notifies me of the confinement of three persons who have been recruited by Lieutenant Knight for the service of the United States.

To ascertain whether the nature of their offence will justify my interposition; I must request you to institute an inquiry into the circumstances which led to their commitment. As it will be a desirable object to suffer them to march to their place of destination, your immediate representation of a fair and candid statement of the facts and evidence, which attend their case will oblige

The Associate Justices of  
Kent County

Your obedt servant  
Ben. Ogle

In Council December 4. 1798

Sir,

We have received your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, and the eight Bonds which attended it.

It affords us peculiar satisfaction that an act of the Executive, not strictly authorized by their legal powers, should have produced the laudable and salutary effects you mention.

We flatter ourselves that a continuation of the patriotic and exemplary conduct of these persons who have been already furnished with arms will evince to the State the utility and necessity of forming a large portion of its militia.

Gen. Saml. Smith

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