

The Troop will remain in this order till they receive the orders of the Governor or in his absence the next commanding officer in Town. who will as soon as possible give out a countersign.

Mr. Williams is requested to assemble as many Horse on such an alarm as can be speedily effected who will attend on the Governor or other commanding officer for orders. Given under my hand, this eighth day of May, Eighteen hundred and two.

John F. Mercer

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Council Chamber Annapolis May 15/1802

Sir,

I have enclosed you an appointment as aid de Camp to the Governor and I must request you to perform duties not immediately belonging to this appointment. I have it much at heart to foster the infant establishments of armed Corps of Militia, as I know of no other defence on which the Citizens of the State could rely for safety or protection in case of any domestic disturbances. The Select Company of Annapolis, have been exposed to more severe duty than it can be expected they would be willing to continue to perform, and one of its officers has been particularly harassed. On the 14. however the Council appointed three other officers Captain John Muir, Lieutenant Richard Harwood of Richard and Lieutenant John Gwynn junior of the Artillery. In all parties of Patrol, the officers and Privates of the Artillery Company must take their tour with the Infantry - and whenever the residuary Militia are organized they will also participate in this fatiguing duty so as to prevent the Service from becoming too oppressive or disgusting to a particular Corps.

Sam. J.

Colonel John Gaspaway

John F. Mercer

Annapolis May the 15/1802

Sir,

You are hereby appointed aid to the present Governor of Maryland and you are to be respected and obeyed by the Militia of the State accordingly.

Sam. J.

Colonel John Gaspaway

John F. Mercer