

to the law under which it is made, and in compliance with a requisition
has been made by the General Government. The Board would therefore suggest the propriety of
a general call upon the Militia of the County in any case of invasion or threatened invasion.
Lieutenant Colonel Henry Ashton

We are with Respect

Alexander S. Magruder

Sir

in Council Annapolis April 11th

Your letter of the third reached this place after the Governor was called to the Eastern Shore.
Upon examining the Proceedings of the late Executive, we could not discover, that anything
further had been done in regard to the Cavalry ordered to be detached under the act of
eighteen hundred and twelve, than appointing the Colonels and Majors to command the
and the difficulties which were likely to arise, and the derangements in our Militia system
which would be produced, if Companies were taken from different Squadrons, to be placed
under the command of the same Majors, induced us to wish, if possible that each
Major, whose services had been tendered and accepted should have the command of his own
Squadron.

The subject however had not been finally acted upon when the late Requisition of the
General Government was received. In complying with that Requisition, we were most
anxious to draw the Militia from those parts of the State least exposed to danger, not
only from the British, but also from the Blacks who it appears, from letters received by
this Department have created considerable disquietude in many sections of the State. It
appeared to us that the Cavalry ordered to Annapolis might with the least inconvenience
be furnished from the Troops which you are to command, and as the Squadrons com-
manded by Majors Williams and Ridgely had made a tender of their services, it would
be best to accept of them.

We had no knowledge of any determination by the former Executive to accept of the Frederick
Town Troops, but should very cheerfully have accepted of them, but from the inconvenience
which would result from placing them under the command of two different Majors.

In Major Williams's letter of the thirtieth of March, he expresses a wish to take the
command of his entire Squadron, or of the Frederick Town Troop and one Troop from
his Squadron. We are happy to find, that the arrangements made by us will be
acceptable to him, and feel assured that the officers and privates of the Frederick Troop