

you will immediately call up your Company and march them to the place which you can collect by nine o'clock to Morrow, or if you think it more advisable you will send off a detachment of your Company under a Subaltern officer, remaining yourself to bring the remainder as speedily as possible

I am &

Levin Winder

Circular to Captain's Moore & Humphrey

In Council Annapolis April 23 1812

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the sixteenth Instant and are proceeding to comply with the Requisition therein contained so far as it may be possible. The number of Infantry which you required will be ordered. With respect to the Artillery by adhering to the original order of the War Department for the detachment of three States Quota of the Militia you will discover, that Maryland was required to furnish six thousand Men of which one twentieth part was to consist of Artillery. The Requisition therefore did not authorize more than three hundred Artillerists to be detached, and as a Company has already been called into the service, there remains but a small part of the number which you now require. We have directed Major General Smith from whose division, most of the Militia now put in requisition will be drawn, to issue the necessary orders for bringing to Baltimore all the Artillery within that division, which has been draughted. These it is hoped with the Artillery Companies of the City (which may be brought into the field in any emergency, and such aid as may be received from the General Government will be sufficient to repel any attack upon that place.

We were surprized to learn that some difficulty had existed with respect to the Surgeon appointed by us to the detachment of Militia ordered to Annapolis, and that doubts were entertained, with respect to his right to act, in virtue of that appointment. We cannot for a moment believe that a right to appoint this officer, is claimed by the War Department. Doctor William C. Pennington of this place was appointed Surgeon and we hope that orders will be given, to remove any difficulty or disagreement in regard to this Appointment.

You no doubt have been surprized that the Enemy appeared in considerable force in the