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In Council Annapolis May 11 1813

Your letter of the sixth instant has been duly received. The drafted Militia are subject to the Requisitions of the General Government, and we have no authority to select any part of them to be stationed at a particular place unless so required by the Executive of the United States. The drafted Militia of Cecil being already detached and ordered to Baltimore, are subject to the order of Genl. Miller. It is not in the power of the State Government to call into their service, the Militia of any adjacent State, although their co-operation might be highly beneficial.

Major James Sewall

We are with Respect
Levin Wisner

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Council Chamber Annapolis May 11 1813

I understand that some of your men who came to the City yesterday returned immediately to the County without leave of absence. It is necessary that a stop should be put to this proceeding as early as possible. I conceive by the thirty first Section of the Militia Law you are clothed with the powers necessary to compel their attendance, which Section subjects them to the articles of War and according law such they are liable to be punished for desertion in the same manner with the Troops of the United States.

Major Joshua C. Higgins

I am with Respect
Levin Wisner

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In Council Annapolis May 12 1813

We some time since, received a letter from you, in which you promised to forward to Colonel Walker, the necessary instructions in regard to his command. We find however, that great difficulty yet exist, and it is doubted whether this Officer, has any command in the forts here. Any doubt which may be found to exist upon this subject, ought to be removed as speedily as possible, and we must therefore request you to say, whether it is designed to give to Colonel Walker the command of these Forts. It is also desirable to be informed, whether the Authority of the Governor as Commander in Chief is considered to extend to the forts and troops therein stationed.

General John Armstrong

We have the honor to be
Levin Wisner

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In Council Annapolis May 11 1813

In a letter which we had the honor to address to you on the twenty third of April, we mentioned that Doctor Cinkrey of this place, was appointed by us, Surgeon to the drafted Militia, stationed here, and requested from you necessary orders, to remove any difficulties