

We have deputed the honorable William Bond Martin and Walter Dorsey of our  
We have the honor to be  
The President of the United States  
Levin Winder

Annapolis May 25 1813

On the 22nd inst. a message to the President of the United States your letter of  
the 20th inst. containing the Resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Maryland  
The observations of the President on them, and the Resolutions were general and  
concise, and that the General Government would not pay the expenses of the  
Military when called into service by the State in their own territory, the protection of  
the United States. We brought into view the provision made by the Executive of the  
United States for the Militia of Virginia and New York and claimed the like  
protection for the State of Maryland. The President replied that a general  
officer of the United States was stationed in Virginia and that the State of  
New York was peculiarly exposed to the invasion of the enemy. After much  
conversation on the subject of our Militia we requested his Excellency to furnish  
us with a written answer which he promised to do and suggested to us the prop-  
riety of addressing a Note to him containing the substance of the Resolutions. We  
accordingly transmitted a Note a copy of which is herewith enclosed and on the  
twenty fourth inst. we received from the Secretary of War the following  
answer:

His Excellency the Governor of Maryland  
William B. Martin  
Walter Dorsey

Annapolis May 22 1813

The undersigned being directed by the Governor of Maryland to wait on your  
Excellency with the enclosed Resolutions of the Legislature of Maryland request  
you will be pleased to inform us what further protection will be afforded by the  
General Government to the State of Maryland against the incursions of the  
common enemy, and what provisions may be enacted to liquidate the necessary  
expensitures which have been or may be incurred by the said State, in providing  
against belligerent aggressions as the Legislature is now in session, and there