

are in the service of the State, they may be demanded by the United States, but however desirable, and in such an event, they would be released from the service of the State, to enter into that of the United States. The Legislature is now engaged, in making some regulations in regard to the calling out of the Militia and forth, but it is doubtful what will be done, when necessary to order them into service, care should be taken, to avoid every unnecessary expense to the State. No more officers should be kept in service, than the Men, who actually turn out require.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Wright

We are with Respect
Levin Winder

Sir

Annapolis In Council May 28/1811

Information derived from various sources induces a belief, that the conduct of the Officers, to whom the defence of Havre de Grace was committed, was in the highest degree culpable and such, as ought to subject them to trial. You will therefore take immediate steps to ascertain the proof which can be had upon this subject, and upon what charges they ought to be brought to trial.

Brigadier General Thomas M. Foreman

I am and forth
Levin Winder

Sir

In Council Annapolis May 28/1811

Repeated applications have been made to us, for information relative to the powers of Militia Officers, to force into the service, Men who when called upon refuse to obey. A Bill to give this power to the Officers, has this Morning been rejected in the House of Delegates by an almost unanimous vote. It is unnecessary to observe, that all the powers to be exercised by officers of the Militia must be derived from the Act under which they receive their appointments. However insufficient there may be found for such a crisis as the present, they can be increased only by the Legislature. We should be very sorry to learn, that any attempt to force Men into service, other than according to the provisions of the Militia Law, was made, or that in the attempt to protect the property of our Citizens any outrage had been committed upon them. It would be very difficult to determine the precise extent of power, which might with safety be vested in the officers of the Militia, or however the right and authority has been increased, we must rely upon the patriotism of our Citizens, and our own