

which has been detected by the Legislature. What will be done during the present season for the
protection of the State, yet unknown, though an expectation is being made to give you some answer
before this, has delayed an answer to your letter. Should the General Assembly be able to adopt
any efficient system of defence, all necessary steps for giving effect to it, will be promptly adopted
and such orders given as will be thought of service. We are with Respect
Lieutenant Colonel Athanasius Fenwick
Levin Winder

Sir

In Council Annapolis June 1 1813

We have the favour of your letter of the twentieth of May. It is deeply to be deplored that
the people of the different Sections of the State, should be unprotected and defenceless
a state especially when there is too much reason to apprehend that the vengeance of the
Enemy will be felt as it has already been more severely in Maryland, than in any other
part of the Union. Repeated applications for protection have been made by us, to the General
Government, but with the exception of the small force, stationed at the Seat of Government
and the Troops with which Baltimore is to be furnished, we are not allowed to calculate upon
any essential aid. The Treasury of the State is now empty, and although an Authority to borrow has
been given to the Executive, it is yet to be ascertained to what amount the wants of the State
can be supplied. In this discouraging state of things, it becomes us all to be as sparing of expense
as we possibly can be, as well as to expose the Militia to as little inconvenience as possible.
As the Enemy is now absent, and cannot be in sufficient force, to send any ships up the Bay,
would answer no good purpose to keep any portion of the Militia upon duty, and we were
sorry to learn that so many Troops were kept in service after the whole of the Squadron had
gone down the Bay.

When, an occasion exists, for calling out the Militia, care ought to be taken, to retain
on duty only as many Officers, as the number of Men actually on duty require. Although
we have by law, no authority to receive into our service Troops from neighbouring States,
indeed to provide for any others than those who by our own Militia law are subject to
Militia duty yet should the Enemy again visit your Neighbourhood, and the services
of the Militia of Delaware and Pennsylvania be wanted, we presume that Orders might
be ordered for them. But we can say nothing with respect to their pay. Levin Winder
General Athanasius Fenwick