

desirable to increase our force; I have therefore to request your diligent attendance
endeavour to procure the attendance of the absentees of your Battalion. In the meantime
command will be attached to Major Waring and should we be able to collect a sufficient
number of Men in two Battalions I shall require your attendance and give you notice
thereof.

Major Robert Edmondson

I am Sir with Respect
Levin Winder

Sir

In Council Annapolis August 20 1813

We have the honor to enclose a Memorial of the Officers of the Militia of Saint Marys
County, requesting of the General Government that a portion of the regular forces or
draughted Militia, may be stationed in that County for its defence. The very minute
and forcible statements to be found in this Memorial of the grounds whereon they rest
their claim to the aid for which they now apply, leaves nothing to be added by this
Department. The duties of the Officers and privates of the Militia of Saint Marys
County have been most arduous and oppressive. Whenever the Enemy is employed
either in the Chesapeake or Potomack, it has been indispensable to keep a force of
some description in this County, and from the present situation of the Enemy, we have
much reason to apprehend that without other precautions than can be afforded
by the Militia of the County, incursions will be frequently made and depredations
to a considerable amount, will be committed on its habitations in the course of the summer
It would have afforded us a great pleasure to have been able to relieve this portion of
the Militia of Maryland from a part of the labors and sacrifices to which it has
been subjected, but the fact is that there are but few Counties of the State which are not
in constant apprehension of a visit from the Enemy, and in consequence require the
whole of the Militia for their own protection, and those few Counties besides having
been often called upon to assist exposed points in their vicinity, are too remote from
Saint Marys County, to afford to it any effectual aid. We would further observe
that a force stationed in this County might sometimes be drawn to neighbouring
places and afford protection to them against an invasion of the Enemy.

The Honorable John Armstrong
Secretary of War of the United States

We have the honor to be
Levin Winder