

In Council Annapolis January 13 1815

considerable difficulty to be a but the payment of Militia claims for services rendered last summer. General Winde's letter which made a part of the communication by this Department to the Legislature assumed in behalf of the United States, the payment of claims for those in actual service at that time (the eighteenth of August) in some of his letters he speaks particularly of the Militia of your Brigade. We wrote to the Secretary of War requesting the determination of the President and that he would assume payment of all the Militia called into service while the invasion continued, but we have not been able to get an answer. It has been suggested that you had some conversation with Colonel Munroe or the President upon the subject, and an intimation has been given of their intention to pay all the claims. If such determination could be made known at once, it would relieve the Treasury of Maryland from considerable embarrassment if not bankruptcy. We would therefore ask the favour of you, if in your power, to get the decision of the President upon this subject. The propriety of the assumption and payment of all claims for services after the eighteenth (whatever decision might be made with regard to those in service and discharged before that day) must be obvious. Many of the Militia of your Brigade and of Prince Georges were called into service afterwards to watch the movements of the enemy in their approach to, and return from Alexandria, and the subsequent appearance of his force in the Chesapeake and visit to Baltimore rendered necessary the services of the Militia of several Counties of the Western and Eastern Shores. The President therefore we should presume could not hesitate to sanction all calls of the Militia from the eighteenth of August until the enemy went down the Bay after the attack on Baltimore.

We have the honor to be
Dear Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Devin Winde

General Philip Stewart

Sir
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Pursuant to a Resolution of the General Assembly of Maryland, I have now the honor to transmit to you an authenticated copy of a Law passed at its last Session "entitled" an Act for the better defence of the State, and to prevent the frequent calls of the Militia" also a copy of a Resolution authorizing the Com. to be received by each recruit.

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His Excellency James Madison
President of the United States