

Council Chamber Annapolis Nov^r 29th 1819

My Dear Sir

There are a few Entries which I am anxious to make on the Militia Record, connected with your Regiment, which I cannot do with a complete certainty of being correct, without the aid of one on whom it always gives me pleasure to call for information - George Shoemaker and Gideon Emory Junior Esquires were appointed on the twentieth of October, Captains in the fifty first Reg^t, but it does not appear from the Minutes whether their appointments are to supply the places of Captains who have resigned, or whether they are to command new Companies - As I wish to have all the Records of this Department complete by the meeting of the Legislature, I will thank you to say, whether Mr Shoemaker was appointed in the place of Captain Maynard whom Lieut he was, or whether it is intended that he should command a new Company - Mr Shaw and Mr Pondell do not agree in their statements of the number of Muskets and so forth that have been collected and forwarded to the Armoury at this place, and the Agent has therefore preferred waiting until the meeting of the Executive for a settlement of his Accounts, to having them settled by me under the late order of the Council

I am with great respect & Esteem
Your Friend and Servant

Colonel Howard

Jonas Pinkney