

to your Excellency returns of the Regiments complete and incomplete raised for the general volunteer service in Maryland. The returns of the 1st Regt. is for January, and of the 2nd for November, the last months reports of these Regts. not having yet reached me; and the reports for the later previous months having been transmitted to Washington. These reports however, sufficiently indicate the strength of these Regts.

The returns of the 1st Cavalry, the 3rd & 4th Regts of Infantry are correct. I have no return at all of the two Batteries of Artillery operating with the division of Maj. Gen. Banks.

Two of the Companies of Cavalry, belonging to the 1st Maryland Cavalry Regiment are attached to Genl. Shields command. They have never reported to me for duty, although by an order of the War Department they form part of Millers Regiment of Cavalry.

Your Excellency will see that the 3rd & 4th Infantry Regts. are not complete. But it is proposed to complete them by uniting Waysons Battalion, raised in this City with the 3rd Regt. and then filling up the 4th from the excess Companies of the 3rd - the 4th is a German Regt. and in order that there may be as much homogeneity as possible it is proposed to exchange companies - that is to transfer the German Companies in the 2nd and 3rd Regts, to the 4th Regt - and supply the place of the Companies so transferred by the excess Companies from the 3rd - For this purpose I will need an extension of authority from your Excellency. All that is necessary is, to authorize me to transfer, for the purpose of filling up and organizing the several regiments under my command, companies from one of said Regiments to another &c -

The second Regt. now on duty at Annapolis has a German Company, which under this authority will be transferred to the fourth Regt. - There is also German Company in the 3rd which would be transferred to the 4th. The place of the one taken from the 2nd would be at once supplied by sending forward a new Company from the 3rd - The one taken from the 3rd would not require to be replaced; inasmuch as there are more Companies in it than is allowed by the regulations organizing the Army.

I am with sincere respect
your Excellency's obedt. servt.

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Sir:

Yours of 10th Inst. is received enclosing returns