To his Excellency the Governor of Maryland & his Executive Council

Whereas by an Act of Assembly passed at Novb. Session of Assembly 1807. Chapt 128 Section 6th it is provided that the several officers from the Major General to the Commanders of Battalions to Call out the Militia under their respective Commands; and shall order out the Militia under their Commands When so required by two justices of the peace near to any post where an invasion or Threatned invasion has or is likely to take place and whereas William B. Stokes and Jacob D. Giles Justices of the peace as aforesaid have called upon me stating they have sufficient proof there is at this time a necessity of an adequate force to be stationed at the Town of Havre=de=Grace and its neighbor-hood. agreeable to said Demand. I have this this day Called out the Militia of the 42nd Regt. And shall proceed to station them at the more favourable ^ place to Anoy the enemy and to protect the property of Individuals_ I have also thought it nessesary to call on the 40th Regt. and Extra Battalion to be in Readines if Wanting= also agreeable to the said 6th Section= And being destitute almost of all the munitions of War and being presed by the Repeated requests and pititions of the several Captains of the Regiment I have the Honour to Command. _ to pitition your Excellency for a sufficient number of Arms to make us an efficient force._ I therefore beg leave to state and am Authorised to say that Eight of the Captains besides
Captain Courtney Will immediately Bond for

and send on to any place of deposit or Arsenal
that your Excellency and your Executive Council
may set proper to give your Order or Orders
for four hundred stand of Amrs for the use
of the 42nd Regt. And if I may be Allowd. to
speak I will venture to say that your Amrs
will never be disgraced by the present 42nd
Regt.

I am with the greatest Respect
and Esteem your Obt. Servt.
Wm. Smith Lieut. Col.
42nd Regt. M.M.

Mr. Ninian Pinkney

Sir

You will confer a favour
of important use if you will Lay before his ex-
cellency and Council this letter. And if we should
be so fortunate as to Receive an order for any
quantity of Arms whatever ^ to the amount aforesaid your writing to me
the particulars (that is) that sum to fill up
the Bonds will, Such security as will be taken,
the place where we will have to send for the
arms. This satisfaction [] shall be returned
with gratitude. As well as the arms we are
in want of ammunition if we can Receive any
it shall be; with the arms, property taken care
of _ the powder and Lead in several stores in
Harford is offered, all of which we obtain, I shall
order in the Morning to be prepared into fixed
Cartrages And the vallue thereof asertained

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I feel myself thankfull for past attention
to the 42nd. Regt. And feeling a fond h ope that
you will continue the same. I subscribe myself

Yours Respectfully
Wm. Smith Lieut. Col.
42nd Regt. M.M.