War Dept March 20th 1813

Sir,

The circumstances prevailing at Annapolis for the security of the city against a naval or other attack from the enemy's squadron now on our coast, render it proper to put in requisition a detachment of drafted militia, consisting of four hundred and seventy infantry and thirty cavalry, privates, musicians, and non commissioned officers; with one lieutenant colonel, one major, five captains, five first lieutenants, five second lieutenants, five third lieutenants, five ensigns, and one commissioned officer of cavalry. This detachment will rendezvous at Annapolis. The necessary orders for this purpose are requested from your Excellency who will honor me with the assurance of my high respect and consideration.

John Armstrong

His Excellency, The Governor of Maryland