Letter to Major-General Cumming

Date 22nd July 1814

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Sir,

Brigadier Genl. Minder having communicated by direction of the President his request that 2000 of the drafts of the Maryland Militia under the direction of the Adjutant General may be called into the field without delay, I have therefore to request of you will immediately order Volunteers and drafted Infantry from your Division to be embodied within their several Brigade Districts, and moved in such numbers as may be convenient on the direct route to Bladensburg when the necessary preparations will be made for their reception, and where the Commanding Officers of the Detachments from the several Brigades will report themselves to Genl. Minder commanding the 10th Military District, or such other as may be ordered, then to take Command of them. The Brigades will take the necessary measures to cause a supply of provisions when there are no Contractors, and the necessary Wagons for transportation, which ought to be limited to the number of Men; then will be no tents or Camp equipage to transport but the Men will have no knapsacks and consequently their baggages I presume must be transported until they are furnished.

Annapolis July 21st, 1814

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therewith. Mr. Henry Pear, Contractor at Frederick Town, will be apprised of this, and be prepared to make provision to those beyond that place in whatever it may be, and those contiguous towns. This detachment I presume will be furnished with arms by the General Government. They, for respect to the Detachment orders out under the requisition of the President of the United States of the fourth of July—Detachment of five hundred were likewise orders out under the authority of this State from Genl. Barnebeck's Brigade; they will receive their Arms from the Armourer at Frederick on such part of them as they may want, by an order from you on Genl. Barnebeck; this latter detachment will move on the shortest route to Alexandria.

You will please give me constant intelligence by mail of the progress made in compliance with these orders.

I am Sir with respect yours,

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