

[Jno. Chaires, Queen Anns County to the Governor and Council.] July 25

I have Collected Ten Horses, five for light horse and five for Draught, which are all that were to be got from nonjurors in this County, the commissioners of the Tax has not given me instructions how to get the deficient number.

[George Dashiell, Som^t C^{ty}, to Gov Lee.]

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I embrace this oportunity by Serjeant Davis to inform your Excellency, that the draught directed to be made by the Act to procure recruits, was caried into effect in this county on the 20th of June & that the men draughted may be march'd to such place of rendezvous as your Excellency may direct immediately, but from the scarcity of money it has not been in my power to collect the 1/ on the property from the classes they were draughted from, it is probable the money will be collected by the time I receive your Excellencies instructions relative to them; The draught under the act to raise two battalions of Militia to reinforce the American Army &c will be made in this county on the 30th Ins^t in consequence of the former draught a few recruits have been raised to serve three years, and could be immediately march'd to Annapolis if furnish'd with their cloathing in the county, but am apprehensive they will not be willing to leave the county without the cloathing which they are to receive from the State, I have apprehended and shall in a few days send forward to me of the persons enumerated in your Excellencys Warrant, I request your instructions relative to the draughts and recruits above mentioned. M^r McBryde has declined to act under your Excellencies appointment for the purchasing of cloathing &c I dont find any power vested in the Co^{ty} Lieu^t to appoint a person to execute any other part of the law but that which relates to procuring the horses, Cloathing is not to be had here, A considerable quantity of black cattle may be procured, belonging principally to the disaffected & are much exposed to the depredations of the enemy, under these circumstances, y^r Excellency will judge of the Expediency of securing them for the use of the State.

[The Humble Petition of Benj^a Howard Jun^r of Harford County July 25
To The Hon^{ble} The Governor & Council of the State of
Maryland.]

Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner is a son to the late Benj^a Howard Dec^d of the County afores^d and havcing taken the Management of the Personal Property & Estate into his own hands to keep it from Sinking or being Involved by Taxes or Assesments was seized on and Distressed by the high Sherriff of said County for fines Imposed on the said Benj^a Howard (when surviveing) for Preaching the Gospel—And that as your Petitioner has associated