

July 31 [Petition of John Robertson to the Governor and Council]

Whereas your Petitioner hath been drafted and known himself to be incapable of rendering the service to the state required from disease, which your petitioner hopes will appear to your Excellency & Honours by the inclosed certificate, your Petitioner humbly requests he may be discharged from the Service and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c.

July 31st 1781

I hereby Certify that John Robertson hath Laboured under a Rheumatic complaint upward of four years which appears to be immovable by remedies; and I am of opinion the disease is such as to render him utterly unfit for military duty

G. R. Brown

July 30 [W. Smith, Nath^l Smith, Thomas Johnson, Baltimore, to Stephen Steward Esq^r Baltimore]

The Commissioners for the Defence of Baltimore Town &c having taken into Consideration your proposals for purchasing the Gally fitted out for the defence of Patapsco River &c. do agree to take for said Gally fifteen hundred & fifty pounds Specie or other money eaquel in Value thereto—or when the whole of the Accounts are Collected 5 p C^t at the foot of the Acc^{ts} will be excepted, the money to be paid when the Gally is delievered—an Answer to the above proposals is expected in ten days from this date after which time they are not to be Binding.

July 31 [And. Buchanan, Balt. Co^{ty} to His Excell^y Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r]

I am requested to inform you by Co^l Nicholson that his Company of light Horse will be ready in a few days and wait your Orders. You will likewise forward their Commissions

July 31 [Adam Hunter, Fredericksburg, to His Excellency Gen Smallwood Annapolis]

In my Brothers Absence who has resided at his Plantation in Culpepper ever since our late Alarm of the Enemy coming this way, I have your favour of 29th curr^t by Express, to which am sorry I cannot return a satisfactory answer. We have long discontinued the manufactory of small Arms of which none remain on hand, & the Workmen employed in that Branch, are so dispersed that we believe it would be difficult matter to engage them again. I shall tomorrow transmit your letter to my Brother, to whom I beg leave to refer you for Satisfaction on this Subject, but am apprehensive he will not be able to furnish the Accoutrements mentioned. I am with the Greatest Respect