

voluntary offers or by draft, we request that you give immediate information directed to the adjutant General at his office in annapolis: and it will be necessary that you should forward to him a full return of your Quota, specifying the names and County residence of the men either by voluntary offers or by draft and of the officers and specifying the arms and accoutrements which each non Commissioned officer and Soldier is in possession of.

We think it necessary likewise to request that you will (before the business is completed) give information from time to time to the adjutant General of your proceedings on this subject to enable him to make the necessary Returns and Communications to the War Office, which the Secretary of War in his letter to us desires should be done.

We enclose a copy of the act of Congress by which you will see more fully the object of it and the Terms and duration of the service, which you can communicate to the Militia under your command.

Major Generals

We are &c
J. N. Stone

In Council September 8. 1797

Sir,

a letter from you to General Davidson has been laid before us requesting commissions to issue to the persons enumerated in a list enclosed.

You observe that Walter Marshall and the officers belonging to his company refuse to act and recommend others in lieu thereof. if these officers ever accepted their commissions the Board cannot make other appointments until their resignations are forwarded. If they refused to accept, be pleased to notify the same, and commissions shall issue.