

to have been written to Captain Nelson, who commands a company of Cavalry in Frederick County and in your Division of the militia, thanking him and his company for the particular offer of their services under the late act of Congress.

From some cause this letter has never been transmitted to Captain Nelson. Estimating it most proper that business of this nature should pass through the regular military Channel, I request you in your capacity of Major General of that Division of the militia, to express to Captain Nelson and his company the high sense which the Executive of Maryland entertains of his zeal and patriotism, and although it is hoped that no crisis in our public affairs will call for their actual service, yet the promptitude with which they have embraced the provisions in the act of Congress demands the acknowledgments of the Executive and you are requested to make them in the most speedy and respectful manner to Captain Nelson and his company

I am &c
Major General Samuel Smith: Ins^d Henry

Council Chamber Decem. 5. 1797
Gentlemen

I have the honour of transmitting to you a letter from the Governor of North Carolina together with the laws of that State, which you will be pleased to communicate to the Hon^{ble} the General Assembly.

I am &c
The Hon^{ble} Genl Assembly Ins^d Henry