

If your Board should not approve of this disposition of the militia, you will please to let me know it and I shall make such alterations therein as you may direct.

Altho' I have ordered out the militia to be in readiness to repel any attempt of the enemy to land in this district agreeably to your directions, yet I think it will be difficult to keep them together without some money, the Country people here who have provisions to sell showing a great unwillingness to part with it unless paid for at the same time. I would therefore wish your Board would take some order about subsisting the militia of this District when called out in defence of the province by directing that the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore should pay to the committee of observation for Dorset County such a sum of money as you may think necessary to be applied for the purpose of victualling and subsisting the militia of the Lower District when in actual service, as the commanding officer of s^d Brigade shall direct. I have applied to Gen^l Chamberlain for 400 lbs. Gunpowder and 1600^{lbs} of Lead.

If you should have received any further intelligence concerning Dunmore and his fleet I should be glad to know it.

I am respectfully,
Your very hb^{le} Serv^t
Henry Hooper.

[Harrison to Jenifer?]

C. S. C.

Sir. Cha^s County the 19th July 1776.

Under cover hereof you will please receive enrollments of two militia companies, viz. John Thomas's and Richard Bennet Mitchel's, the former in the 12th and the latter in the 26th Battalion. They have been properly examined, and as I am in momentary expectation that the whole, or part of the Militia here may be called to the aid of St. Mary's must request your Board to issue commissions thereon, and have them transmitted me by the earliest opportunity.

I am very respectfully Sir, Your obed^t Serv^t
Will: Harrison

[Dent to Council.]

Original.

Charles River, Head Quarters 19th July 1776.

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On my arrival at this place on the 16th Inst. I found there had been an engagement with the Enemy with no other loss but the misfortune of Capt Rezin Beall being badly wounded, tho' its hoped not mortal. By four Deserters who came over