

these my sentiments to our General Assembly. We hourly c. s. c. expect to hear of some important news from Camp.

I am, Gent, with Regard & Respect,
Sam^l Chase.

The Hon^{ble} Council of Safety of M^d Annapolis

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Gentlemen. In Committee Baltimore 31st January 1777.

We received your letter of the 26th Inst. and in consequence called a general meeting of our committee to consider on the expediency of the march of the militia. There is now four Batalions formed, one other we request you to send Commissions for immediatly and is composed of the following companies.

Gist Vaughan Capt	} 49 Privates	Robert Lemmon Capt.	} 40 Privates
Thos. More 1 st Lieut.		Mordecai Cole 1 st Lieut	
Nicholas Merryman Junr		Peter Snap 2 nd Do	
2 nd Do		Sam ^l Adams Ensign	
Humphrey Chilcoat	} 37 Privates	Thos. Gist Junr Capt	} 44 Privates
Ensign		John Murry 1 st Lieut.	
Alexes Lemmon Capt.		Christr Vaughan 2 nd Do.	
Henry Warham 1 st Lieut.		Joshua Gist, Ensign	
Thos. Stansbury Junr	} 48 Privates	John Showers	} This company took away the Enrollment and has not ret ^d it again. We dont know the other officers.
2 nd Do			
Peter Nace Ensign			
John Hall, Capt.			
Thomas Marshal	} 48 Privates		
1 st Lieut.			
Philip Stilts 2 nd Do			
William Davis Ensign			

We understand these companies recommend Thomas Gist Jun^r for their Col^o Frederick Decker Lieut. Col^o Joshua Gist 1st Major, Gist Vaughan 2nd Major and John Hall son of Joshua Quarter master. No commissions have been sent for the following officers.

Nathaniel Brittain 1 st Lieut.	} in Capt. Jno. Cockey's company.
Benjamin Talbot 2 nd D ^o	
Nicholas Haile, son of Geo. Ensign	
William Wilkinson Capt. Sabrit Sellers 1 st Lieut. Nicholas Norwood 2 nd D ^o and Philip Woolrich, Ensign.	

We find on looking over the different Battalions that they composed about 2100 men at their return, but from the great numbers already inlisted in the land and sea service we imagine they do not amount to more than 1500. Under the present circumstances we do not think it expedient or prudent that more than one third should march as we have certain inteligence that three or four men of War are now in the Bay and as high up as Guynn's Islands and the great number of Tories among us and the necessary Guards now wanting here.