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[Council to Capt. E. Noel.]

In Council Ann^s 19th Aug^t 1777.

Sir

We have issued the Commissions for the Officers of your Company small as it is, under the Hopes M^r Chalmers has given us that, as soon as it is seen you are to join Col^o Richardson, a good many others will enroll and have sent them by M^r Chalmers. We would have what Men have already enrolled, join Col^o Richardson under two Officers as soon as may be & the Officers, left to be assiduous to increase the Company.

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Cap^t Edward Noel Jun^r }
Dorchester County }

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[Council to Lieutenants.]

In Council Annapolis 18th Aug^t 1777.

Circular.

Sir.

Yesterd Morning one Cap^t Thomas Timson came up from Virginia and informed that on Thursday Evening last he saw a Fleet of the Enemy's Ships coming within the Capes. That he distinctly saw Sixty Sail, some of them two or three Miles within and a number following, which, because of the Distance and the Night coming on, he could not see distinctly. We have an Express to Day from Virginia confirming the Information. Whether they have Land Troops on Board or what is their Destination or Design, we are not informed, but we think it adviseable that you give Orders to the Militia under your Command to prepare themselves, as well as they can, for Service, and hold themselves in readiness to march instantly on further Orders.

We are &^{ca}

To the Lieut^s of the }
different Counties }

Original.

[W. Paca to Gov. Johnson.]

D^r Sir.

I enclose you Gen^l Washington's letter and doubt not you will make a proper Enquiry into the Arrest he complains of I wish the Artillery Corp & the 16 Reg^t had been apportioned on the States that such States might have known what were its Quota and the frequent Difficulties in filling up those Corps prevented.