

where they will be joined by another Detachment of the same Number; after their Arrival at that Fort they will be supplied with Provisions by the Commissary M.^r Ross. and on their March thither the Officer must apply to the Press Masters for such Provisions and Carriages as shall be Necessary, with which the Press Masters are forthwith to furnish him on his Presenting my Warrant and passing such receipts as the Act of Assembly requires, They may be Supplied with some arms and Ammunition by Capt. Peter Butler of Frederick Town, but I would Advise them to provide themselves with both before they March: you must see that every Man takes with him a Blanket Cloaths enough for a Month from their Arrival at Frederick Town, before the Expiration of which Month they will be relieved. These Detachments from the Militia are to patrol between the North Mountain and Conogochiegh, the Commandant of Fort Frederick will Order two Guides or persons who are acquainted with that part of the Country to Join each of them, and in case it should by him and the Colonel of Frederick County be thought Necessary for the Detachments from the Militia to Act in Conjunction They are to put themselves under the Command of Colonel Thomas Prather who lives near Conogochiegh. You will give the Captain whom you shall Order from your County a Copy of these Instructions and Direct him to keep a Journal of his proceedings while on duty, to be returned me for the Assembly's Perusal; you may also give him any other additional Instructions that you think Necessary for his better guidance and Direction.

Given at Annapolis the
30.th day of August 1756.

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To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire.

Governor of Maryland.

May it please your Excellency.

I have the pleasure to Inform your Excellency that the Detachment of a Hundred, Ordered from the Militia of Prince Georges County was made up intirely of Voluntiers, as p List herewith, and that they all, except one Sick Man Marched from Bladensburgh on Saturday the 12.th Instant in high Spirits, under the Command of Capt. Joshua Beall, with the Instructions received from your Excellency for his Guidance.

I am apprehensive this may have taken longer time, than your Excellency expected but had it been effected with more Dispatch, the Detachment would probably consisted Chiefly of Draughted men, and I presume there cannot be the same Dependence of Service from those, as may be Reasonably expected from Voluntiers; many of ours, are of Good Family, and have Considerable property to

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