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[Hooper to Jenifer.]

Honble Sir. Since my last I have received from Major Fallen who is stationed at Hooper's Streights an account of the Guard then under his command having taken a small schooner belonging to the enemy in a creek making out of Holland's Streights. Major Fallen having received intelligence of the Schooner being in the creek sent a Detachment of thirty men who took her and the Cargo consisting of a hogshhead and a half of rum, 30 bushels of salt, the sails and rigging of a sloop, a large quantity of old Iron a few guns, swords and cartridge boxes. The schooner had four men, three of whom were just out of the small pox, and are now sent you by the Committee of this county, to be dealt with in such manner as your board may judge proper.

I informed you a few days since of the drafts I had ordered to be made out of the several battalions in my Brigade, which I have since ordered to be stationed at the following places. Col. Richardson with 125 privates of his battalion at this place, 90 privates of Col Feddiman's battalion together with 30 privates of Col Ennall's battalion, at Cooke's point under the command of L^t Colonel Stainton, Cap^{ts} Robson & Stephens Woolford with 15 privates each at Taylors & James's Islands, Cap^t Keene with a party of 15 privates at Meekins Neck, Cap^t Travers with a party of 15 privates at Hoopers Island, Cap^t Wheatly with a party of 15 privates on Ascom's Island, L^t Col John Ennals with a party of 45 privates on Hungar river, Colo. Murray with a party of 130 privates of his battalion and Major Fallen with 30 privates of Traver's corps at Hooper's streights. The Drafts from Col Dashiell and Col Hayward's battallions consisting of 270 privates are stationed at Nanticoke point, dammed Quarter and Animessex. The Cols of the several battallions in Somerset & Worcester Countys having consulted together were of opinion that the militia of Somerset County would at present be sufficient for the defence of that county and requested permission for the Worcester Militia who had marched to Princess Anne to return home, which I have granted them upon the assurance of the officers that they will hold their men in readiness to march on the shortest notice, if occassion should require it. I cannot in justice to the Brigade omit informing your board of the alacrity with which the officers & privates have stept forth on this occassion. We have scarcely in a single instance been obliged to draft, to make up our numbers and in several companies there has been no small contention for the privilege of being permitted to march: and indeed the spirit and alacrity shewn by the whole brigade has been such as does