

hearing a list of the persons you recommend. Colonel Rumsey and all his field officers have resigned, others ought to be appointed to the eighth Battalion. c. s. c.

We earnestly recommend that no time may be lost in forwarding this necessary service. Those who have not arms will get them at Philadelphia. We intend to write particularly to Colonel Dorsey, Colonel Weems and Colonel Worthington of Anne Arundel, and to the Colonels of some other counties, viz. Prince George's, Kent and Queen Anns. We are, &c

To Brigadier General Buchanan.

[Council to Hancock.]

No. 127.

Jan'y 26, 1777

Sir. We received your's of the 22^d by Friday's post, and are making out the necessary dispatches for calling for the militia in Baltimore, Harford, Ann^l, Pr. George's Kent and Queen Ann's Counties. Expresses go off to day.

General Smallwood hath heretofore delivered in a List of Subalterns, to whom we have given warr^{ts} for recruiting, and shall hereafter give them commissions, either as second Lieutenants, or Ensigns according to their merit, and the diligence and activity they show in recruiting. We thought this step most advisable, and that it would expedite the service. Some money is necessary and proper to be lodged here to give out to officers occasionally, they frequently call on us, and think it hard to be obliged to ride up to Baltimore. Whatever you may order shall be delivered out to some of the Field officers and their receipts taken. We are, &c.

To John Hancock Esq^r President of Congress.

[Circular Letter to the Colonies and Committees.]

No. 128.

Jan'y 26th 1777.

Sir. Inclosed we send you a copy of a Resolve of Congress for marching the militia of this State to reinforce General Washington.

The Council of Safety have determined to request the militia of Ann^l Prince George's, Kent and Queen Ann's Counties to march together with Baltimore, Harford and Cæcil particularly named in the Resolve. Be pleased therefore to give the necessary orders to your Battalion.

General Johnson, who takes the command, is already at Philadelphia on his way to the Jerseys with the militia of his Brigade. Should any Commissions be wanting we will send them to you on having a List of the persons you recommend.