

instantly to advise what you have done respecting such Priest, and inform them of whatever has come to your Knowledge concerning his Absence or Misbehaviour. Lib. J. R.
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His Excellency is pleased to inform this Board that he had some time agoe Sent the following Instructions to the Commanding Officers of the Militia of Baltimore and Frederick Counties

Instructions to Colonel Nathaniel Wickham Commander in Chief of the Militia of Frederick County

Sir

As sometime since, I sent you peremptory Instructions to regulate the Militia of your County and to have the Several Troops and Companies under your Command frequently Mustered and disciplined, I presume and hope you will not find any great difficulty in Executing the Orders that the late Incursions of the French Indians into this Province call upon me and oblige me now to give. For the Protection of our western Frontiers and the Inhabitants of this Province It is thought proper and necessary to have and keep a Company of Eighty Men including Officers in Arms and constantly ranging for some time in Frederick County to repel any party of the Enemy that may presume to come into this Province to destroy the Inhabitants or lay wast the Country; you are therefore hereby directed & enjoined instantly to convene all the Commissioned Officers of the Foot Militia under your Command and acquaint them that by their several Companies Seventy six Men must be furnished immediately to be formed into one Company under the Command of a Major or Captain, a Lieutenant and an Ensign, which three officers you must appoint by Lot or otherwise from all the officers of the Foot Militia of your County, the Day that you convene them as afore directed That done, you shall give Orders to the several Officers to muster as soon as they Possibly can, their respective Companies and there from to draft by Lot (unless Voluntiers offer themselves) such a Number of men as you shall think it reasonable and fit for each Company to furnish, to make up the Complement of Seventy Six; the Men so drafted every Captain shall send to the Place of Rendezvous under the Care of their Lieutenant or Ensign, who shall deliver the said Men to one of the three Officers by you appointed to command the said Company of Rangers, thus to be raised and take his Receipt for the said men, which Receipt shall Specify the names of such men, when they were delivered, and from whose Company they were drafted and shall be sent inclosed to me, by the first p. 60