

July 1 Shou'd your Excellency be Pleased to send me an order for thirty suits of Cloaths with Blanketts I think it wou'd serve to encourage those already enlisted whose extreme want of Cloathing not only urges the necessity but wou'd be the means of engaging the Services of others

I received Your Excellency's order on the Sheriff of Washington County for seven thousand five Hund. dollars for the purpose of recruiting which tho not nearly expended have embraced this opportunity by Col^o Rawlings, who waits on Your Excellency to solicit your order for four thousand more for the same, as well as for other purposes of satisfying the Soldiers their Pay &^{ca} and expect to have it in my Power to render y^r Excellency a Satisfactory Acco^t of the disbursements of the whole.

I have to inform Your Excellency that I have derived no Assistance from M^r William Piles who was appointed Lieut^t to the Company he has not as yet Acted as such nor have I any reason from his sentiments to me on the Subject as well as from Information believes he intends to serve if he has not before this time return'd Your Excellency his resignation

Should M^r Piles have declined serving and no appointment as yet made I cou'd wish to recommend to Your Excellencys notice M^r Gabel Jacobs who from his inclination to serve is in my opinion in every respect Quallified for Place of Ensign

July 1 [Jno. Taylor, Williamsburg to Gov Lee]

Dear Sir In answer to yours of the 16th ult^o I wrote you last post which informed of my not being Able to supply you with the Quantity of Tobacco you required for your different Vessells, on acc^t of its being much higher here then your limmits. I informed of the Trial of the brig being last thursday, but could not possibly attain it, on acc^t of one of the Judges who reside at Hampton not appearing. Yesterday an Express arrived here informing of a fleet of 25 sail of the enemys Vessells being in this bay, they Gave Chace to an outward bound fleet from this of About 30 Sail, who were out side the Capes, on finding the Enemy so formidable they all returned, without receiving much dammage the Greatest part of our fleet is Gon up James River past this Town. & the Enemy remain at hampton Road.

What they are, or, what their intentions may be, is yet a matter unknown. tis Either a fleet of Privateers waiting for our outward bound fleet, or A fleet with Troops on board to take port, some where near the Capes rather imagine it to be the former.

I orderd Capt. Flint to bring over a Quantity of the wine here four days ago, but now begin to imagine he may have fallen in with the Enemy, I have not heard any acc^t from Cap^t McNaughton