

movements, may be construed differently If we suppose that, in order to secure their two principal posts, they mean only to leave a garrison at Portsmouth, it may present us with an opportunity of acting against it. In such a case we should not have our succours to collect, lest we should lose the moment, And, if their whole force remains we shall have a yet stronger call for reinforcements. The only event which can render this unnecessary, is their evacuating the State. But we know of no facts upon which to build this conclusion

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I beg you to direct the levies to join this army.

[Wm. Ennalls Hooper, New Markett, to His Excellency
Tho^s Sim Lee] July 30

Agreeable to your request I inform you that have taken from Nonjurors and those that have laid down their Arms six Horses the Collection here goes on slow for those people in general are very poor; that a person may ride several days and not procure a Horse; have applied to the Commissioners of the Tax to level the residue on the other Inhabitants of this County: and expect in a few days to have the whole of them procured.

[Laurence O Neale & William Bayly to His Excellency Thomas Sim
Lee Esq^r] July 30

The bearer of this M^r Alexander Adams is a Young Man of un-exceptionall Character and is desirous of becoming a Soldier I take the Liberty of recommending him to your Excellency's favor if your Excellency will Give him a Commission we have not the least doubt but He will merit the appointment

Mr. Alexander Adams is a young gentleman who lives in my neighbourhood—is very much Esteem'd & I beleive a worthy deserving Young man.

R^d Wootton, Cha^s G^r Griffith, R. Anderson, J. H. Nicholls.

[Certificates respecting Jn^o Robertson a Draught from Ch^s County] July 30
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We hereby Certify that for above a year past John Robertson has lived in this neighbourhood and being his nearest neighbours have been often in Company with him to our knowledge he has had several severe attacks of the Rheumatism. We have been witnesses to swellings in his wrists at several times which appeared to be very painful and have often heard him complain of being afflicted with the same pains in different parts of his body

Ignatius Byass
And^w Baillie
John B. Meek