

According to an Order of the Provincial Council holden
 at Brussels the 24 of September 1655 that Captain John
 Smith and Captain Peter Johnson should be Commanders
 of the Military Forces in Flanders River on both
 sides the River heve therefore in the name of his High-
 ness the Lord Protector of England Scotland Ireland
 and the Dominion therunto belonging constituted Or-
 der and appointed you Captain John Smith to be the
 chief Commander of all such as shall be nominated
 and listed Soldiers of the Tuzne Band for the service
 of the Commonwealth from Leonard's Creek downwards
 including the eastern Side of the said Creek and both
 sides of the River Yung and granting unto you full
 power and Authority to make choice of so many able
 men in the said Limits as you shall think fit and
 present their Names to the Court and also to muster &
 exercise them in Arms and take Care that they be in a
 Readiness upon all Occasions for the repelling and repur-
 suing of all those who shall attempt to crypear against
 the Government here established under his Highness
 the Lord Protector and if any want Arms then that you
 warn them to provide themselves thereof as they ought
 to do by the Act of Assembly in that Case provided and
 if they cannot at present provide themselves of sufficient
 Arms then you are Authorized hereby to procure Arms for
 them either by buying Arms upon the publick Account or
 furnishing that want from the publick Magazine and
 you are thereby empowered to employ the said forces
 as need shall be and as you shall receive Order and
 Commission from the General or the Council of State
 any of them whatsoever of the Duumand to choose