

but I have writ to Governor Delaney (inclosing your Letter) requesting him to inform me if he has learnt any thing of such a Number of the Enemy having been in Motion. Our Assembly are at present returned home without having done any thing beside making a Vagrant Act similar to that lately enacted in Virginia: they will meet again the 15<sup>th</sup> of January very soon after which time whatever be the Issue of their Meeting you may expect to hear from me at the Camp & in the mean time I hope there will be no urgent Occasion for my presence. Capt. Clark is now gone to his Company & I have ordered Col. Steven to collect all the Privates to Belhaven & prepare for leaving that place: having as yet commissioned no Officers myself but those belonging to our Company & there being but few at Belhaven I could not send any to Winchester but have ordered Col. Steven to bring them from Fredericksburg & take them under his Care. You will let me know what New Officers you intend to appoint, the Old Companies I think should be first compleated, & the New Ones to be then raised & formed w<sup>th</sup> the same Number, each Company to consist of a Captain 3 Lieutenants or 2 Lieutenants, an Ensign, 4 Sergeants & Corporals 2 Drummers & 100 private Men. As I know not what Messages have been already sent to the Tories or what it will be proper to say to them in consequence of your former Treaties with or Surrenders to them, I must request you to answer me particularly as to that point &