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Circular

As the Minds of the People are much ingrossed by the interesting Crisis of our Affairs, they possibly may not advert to the Inconveniences which would follow from our periodical Election's not being held the first Monday of next Month, agreeable to our Constitution and Form of Government. We therefore request you to give the most public and general Notice you can, of the Time of holding the Election for Delegates in Assembly, that those who are entitled to vote and can, may attend.

We are &c

Sheriffs of the different Counties.

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There are a considerable Number of Tories taken, who have lately been in Arms in Somerset and Worcester Counties. The Lieutenants of those Counties have desired our Directions as to what shall be done with them. It appears to us that Cambridge will be the most proper secure Place to keep them at on your Shore and therefore request that you will adjust Matters so that a good Guard may be constantly furnished over them; we would have the Principals and as many of the others as can, with convenience, put in the jail & kept close Prisoners.

We are &c

Henry Hooper Lt. of }
Dorchester County . . }

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We have sent you the Commissions as desired. The Tories lately in Arms, whom you have taken or may take, we would have sent to Cambridge, and as many as can, kept in the Jail under a Guard. We shall send you a galley but she, as the rest, is very poorly manned, in Expectation that Hands may be got with you, merely for this Service, leaving them at large to enter for what Time they please, not less than three Weeks, she is nearly fitted and shall go down in a very few Days - As you are circumstanced, we do not desire the Militia of your County or Worcester to march to Genl. Washington, we hope he is strong enough without them, therefore let them know the Order for their March is countermanded; but for Security of themselves and Families and for the Preservation of the public Peace, it is desired and expected that they frequently meet and exercise and get prepared in the best Manner they can to crush any new Insurrection in its Birth. If those Men who have no sense of Duty to their Country, nor, indeed any Regard to the sacred Obligation of an Oath, should again assemble in Arms, it will, in our Opinion, best promote the Public Good and insure its Tranquility, to make use of the Arms you hold, in the Cause of our common Liberty.

We are &c

George Dashiell Esq. Lt. }
Somerset County . . }