

In Council Annapolis 8th April 1778.

152 We inclose you a Resolution of the General Assembly passed this Morning and, in consequence of it, direct that two Companies of the first Class of the Militia of your County immediately march to Cecil or in the Delaware State, as Occasion may require, to perform with two Companies ordered from that and Kent. The Duties mentioned in the Resolve, and you are to give the necessary Orders accordingly. We think it may conduce to the Service that Col^o Bordley, Col^o Charles Dumbley, yourself and Col^o Henry Hollingsworth should meet at the Head of Elk as soon as may be, to consult on the Business and therefore request it, and, as from the Nature of the Service we apprehend three Field Officers may be necessary, we hope one out of each County may be taken, and that it will give general Satisfaction. We expect as this is a mere Continental Service, Col^o Hollingsworth will find the Provisions. If it should on Consultation be thought that the Number ordered is too small and Time will permit, we expect to be advised of it, but if the Occasion should be too pressing to admit of Delay that then the further necessary Number be taken of the next Militia or if we have ordered more than there's Occasion for, that we should be so advised, but we would, by no Means have the Guard too much weakened, as so much depends on collecting the Stores. We hope this Service, so necessary for our Army, will not be of any long Continuance.

We are Sirs &c

Col^o Richard Dallam

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153 Sir We inclose you a Copy of the Resolution of the Assembly passed this Morning, and, in consequence of it, direct you immediately to order out two full Companies of the Militia of your County of the Class next to that or those which have already served out of this State and direct them to march without Delay for the Purpose mentioned in the Resolve. We do not know from whence Col^o Henry Hollingsworth designs to begin the Removal of the Stores give Notice to the Militia to get ready, and take the Trouble of meeting Col^o Rumsey, Col^o Dallam and Col^o Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk which, we think, will much promote the Service and we therefore request it. Besides the two Companies from your County, we direct two from Cecil and two from Harford. It is impossible to determine what additional Force may eventually