

Circular. In Council Annapolis 13th June 1778.

253. Sir. We received a Letter Yesterday from Longpre, urging us to forward our Quota of Troops to Camp. We request that you will find forward to General Smallwoods Camp, any Recruits, substitutes or Drafts who may yet be behind of the Proportion of your County, with all Expeditions, and furnish us with a List of the Men from your County, advising us whether it is necessary to appoint Officers for the Drafts, agreeable to the Act of Assembly.

We are &c.

To the Lieut. of,
Kent, Somerset, Dorchester,
Talbot, Queen Anne, Worcester,
Caroline and Cecil Counties }

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254. Sir. We inclose you a Paper presented to us by Molly Scott, who adds in her Relation, many further Circumstances of Oppression and Hardship on her Brother Edward Scott, beyond what is contained in the written Application. The Story is rather too long for a Letter and would be tiresome to repeat to you; she has brought Nothing to evince the Truth of what she alledges, and indeed it ought to be well proved, before a conduct so improper can be believed to have been held by Capt. Eccleston. Yet Sir, desirous of having the Truth investigated and Relief granted, if it is due; we request you to inquire into this ^{Complaint} ~~Complaint~~ and if you perceive there is any Foundation for it, that you will take the Trouble to have Scotts Case fully stated and Affidavits to the Truth of the Facts taken and that you will transmit to us the Whole, so that we may discharge him or procure him to be discharged, if he is entitled to it. The Difficulty of having the Witnesses here to go into a proper Examination ourselves, will apologize for our requesting you to take the Trouble.

We are &c.

Col. Henry Hooper.

In Council Annapolis 15th June 1778.

255. Sir. We wrote you the 13th in Answer to yours of the 10th Inst. We are desirous of sending forward the Quota of this State to which we are prepd by Longpre. The Act enables us to appoint, with the Officers who are drafted and march, not more than one to twenty five Men. Whether we can commission Mr. Johns or not for this purpose depend on what Officers go with your Drafts; from the Character given him by Mr. Hooper we are much inclined to send him with the Drafted Militia, or procure him by some other Way. We wish you to forward the Men as soon as possible.

Col. Benjamin Mackall