

and to regulate his Actions accordingly, he will move to you if there should be a necessity. — We have writs to Brigadier Dent who will take the Command of the Militia and Regular Forces in his District. — You will communicate this to Colonel Marshall if he should have returned to your County.

July 15th 1776.

We are &c.

N^o. 35. To Captain Regim Beall.

Sir,

We expect this will find you in Saint Marys County as we hear from Colonel Sumervill that you Marched from Drum Point on the 14th it is impossible for us to give absolute and particular directions to you as the designs of the Enemy are not known to us, we can only instruct to watch their motions, and regulate your own accordingly. — you will stay in Saint Marys County so long as you apprehend the Enemy may have any design of Landing there or making any attempt to distress, or plunder the Inhabitants, if they should move from thence, to any other part of Potomack, or up the Bay, to Land on this Shore, you will follow them with all the dispatch you can. — We have sent instructions to Brigadier Dent to take the Command of the Militia and Regular Forces in his District, whose orders, when they reach you, you will obey

15 July 1776.

We are &c.

N^o. 36. To Brigadier General Dent.

Sir,

By different Letters we have received from Saint Marys and Calvert we are informed that the Fleet under Lord Dunmore have appeared in the Mouth of Potomack, and it is apprehended they may attempt a Landing on some part of that River in the Lower Counties on this Shore we therefore think it expedient that you should give directions to the Militia of your District to have themselves in readiness to oppose the Enemy in case they should attempt any Hostilities, we think it expedient that on

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