

This emergency you should yourself take the command, and remain with them, till you hear further from us, as the Militia for the Flying Camp are not in readiness, we conceive it will not interfere with your duty, as Brigadier of those Corps, and your presence will be much wanted at this time in your District. — Captain Beale with his Independent Company is now at Saint Marys County ready to oppose the Enemy — He and his Company will likewise be subject to your command, We shall be glad to hear from you. We are &c:

15 July 1776.

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N<sup>o</sup>. 37. To Colonel Richard Barnes.

Sir,  
We have yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> and are glad you sent for Captain Beales Company <sup>who</sup> we have the pleasure to hear, Marched immediately to you; we would have that Company remain with you to watch the Motions of the Enemy and assist you in case they should attempt a Landing. — We have wrote to Brigadier Dent to have all the Militia in his District kept in readiness to march to your assistance if there should be a necessity, he will also take on him the Command of the Independent Company, — you will on all occasions send us up Notice of the Motions of the Enemy, and we shall order you every assistance in our power. We are &c:

15 July 1776.

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N<sup>o</sup>. 38. To Captain John Allin Thomas.

Sir,  
We have just received intelligence, that makes it necessary for us to stop your proceeding up the Bay with your Company; we therefore desire you will immediately return with it to Annapolis.

15 July 1776.

We are &c:

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