

them, one of which, Capt. Thomas's, we have this day ordered to march to the Northward, and Capt. Mundy of the 3rd Battaion marches to supply his Place.

Capt. Dean's Company is stationed at Kent Island, and Capt. Goldsborough's is to supply the place of Capt. Stedman's, if the latter can get some (which we cannot doubt the militia will lend him for their defence, until the Province can supply them), these with the two independent Companies will make a Company of near 500 men; we therefore think three fourths of the Militia under your command may return to their habitations, and keep themselves in readiness to march in case of an attack, as the above force will be more than sufficient to repel any invasion from the West.

We do not expect from their weak state that any attempt will be made, except to plunder, and we think the 500 regular Troops together with the 200 Militia, a sufficient Force to protect you show, until the flesh sails, which we daily expect to hear of, and if some of them go to sea, only a few remain at our Cape, and in Virginia to destroy our Trade, as it suggested to us will be the