Cha.: County July the 26th 1776.

Dr Sir

On the 18th instant I recd. orders from Brigad.r Genl Dent to Select from the Inferior parts of my Battalion three Comp.s of Militia to be composed of Men out of different Companies & dispatch them to St. Georges River to relieve the Militia collected there at that time; agreeable to order I set out immediately & had two of the Comp.s raised the next day Commanded by Cap.t Parnham & Cap.t Jas. Harson the 3d other was not raised till 20th & was Command by Cap.t McPherson; Parnham's Comp.y which was foremost got down to St. Georges or within a Small distance of it before the great part of the Fleet Sailed up Patowmack & has been detained there ever since the other two Comp.s were ordered to return & watch the motions of the Enemy & to prevent their Landing or plundering the Inhabitants, & I have the Satisfaction of informing you that our Militia have prevented the Enemy from Landing or plundering if they intended it

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