

Capt Winchester.

Sept 28th 1871 -

Sir.

From various causes of alarm, it is deemed necessary to put the Militia in a condition to be effective; you will therefore forthwith organize the company under your command and to make ^{it} as efficient as circumstances will admit of. You will also in concert with Capt. Richard D. Bryan take precautionary measures, in case of alarm, by fixing on a place of rendezvous, and detailing patrols, which if thought necessary should be called out from Saturday until Tuesday night, next, inclusive. The number of private arms on the Island, in addition to the complete stores of Rifles belonging to Capt. Richard's company places the Island in a better state for defence than any other part of the Regimental district, you will therefore, so far, have to rely on your own means, aided as you will be at all times in case of alarm, by the Arms Lane Company, and in fact the whole Regiment if necessary. Capt. Wright at C. Hill is authorized to deliver to you six rounds of Ball Cartridges for each of your command. I shall expect to receive your Annual Return, as soon as your Company shall have been organized.

Yours truly

John T. L. [Signature]

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