

here to Philadelphia should be supplied by three companies of the neighbouring militia till the militia for the flying camp can be ready we shall be glad to see you as soon as you possibly can that we may determine what companies of your Battalion may with the greatest convenience be stationed at this place

To Col: John Weems  
Same to Lieut: Col:  
Nevin Thompson  
Sir.

we are &c.  
Annapolis July 7<sup>th</sup> 1776

You will perceive by the inclosed resolves that your company is to march immediately to Philadelphia - the service requires the utmost despatch we think it will be the most expeditious as well as convenient way to go to the head of Elk by water, and therefore recommend it to you to endeavour to procure a vessel for the purpose of transporting your troops thither if however you cannot get over immediately you will march up as speedily as possible, waggons will be ready for you at the head of Elk to carry your baggage and a proper supply of provisions to Philadelphia. if a vessel is not to be had you will get please to get the necessary carriages in Talbot for your baggage and lay in a sufficient quantity of provision for your men until you can reach the head of Elk. Colonel Smallwoods Battalion will set off by water to morrow or on Tuesday. Same to Lieutenant Harrison to march his Division from Kent Island - Lieut A Martin -

To Capt: Hindman and  
Lt: Harrison

Sir. You will perceive by the inclosed resolves that your company is to march immediately to Philad: the service requires the utmost despatch, waggons will be ready for you at the head of Elk to carry your baggage and a proper supply of provision from thence to Philad: you will please to get the necessary carriages in Kent for your baggage, and lay in a sufficient quantity of provision for your men until you can reach the head of Elk - Colonel Smallwoods Battalion will set off to morrow or on Tuesday by water, and so we expect will Lieut: Harrison's division of your company as we have given him his orders.

To Captain Bezey.

Sir. We are despatching the troops from home to Philad: including those from Baltimore they will amount to 1000 men, and they are to go by water to the head of Elk, when they arrive there perhaps they may be at a loss for a supply of provision for their march, we may take them in four days from thence we therefore think it necessary that you or Mr: Lummings or some person for you should be there to be ready to supply them in case they should be in want.

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