Dorchester County, Cambridge Feb.y 26.th 1776.

Gent.n We this day received your Letter of the 21.st Instant, and the Council being setting, agreeable to your request, took the matter mentioned therein into consideration, and are of opinion that the Town of Cambridge is the most convenient and proper Place for the Independent Company of this County to be stationed in, It is the most central place in the County, and the Company may with great ease and conveniency march from thence to any part of the County that may happen to be attacked, which they could not so readily do, should they be posted any where else, and we also think it would be very difficult to accommodate them in any other place than in this neighbourhood. These, among others, are the reasons that induce us to prefer Cambridge to any other part of the County. We are very respectfully Gent.n Yr. most Obt. Hble servants Signed pr Order

James Murray Chairman

To the Honble The Council of Safety of Maryland—

At a meeting of the Committee of observation for Charles County on Monday the 26.th Feb.y 1776 Brigadier General John Dent Chairman and John Swann Clerk

The following gentlemen are recommended as officers to be Commissioned to fill up the vacancies of the late Company of Col.o William Harrison to Wit, William Winter Junior Captain, George Dent Jun.r 1.st Lieut.t John S Chetton, 2.nd Lieutenant and William Barker Ensign and in consequence of a letter of resignation received from John S Chetton, the Committee thought proper to recommend Burdit Hamilton in his stead.

Ditto for the late Company of Major John Marshall Benjamin Philpot Captain, Henry Dent 1.st Lieutenant, Burg.d Cottrell 2.nd Do and Philip Marshall Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Col.o Sam.l Hanson, William M.c Pherson Captain, Peter Green 1.st Lieutenant, Thomas Green Jun.r 2.d Do and Leonard Hamilton Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Col.o Francis Ware, Walter Hanson (of John Captain, Thomas Simms 1.st Lieutenant Jo.s Harrison 2.d ditto and John Beal Jweem Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Col.o Josias Hawkins, John Hanson youn.r Captain Henry Massey Hanson 1.st Lieutenant, James Russell 2.nd ditto and John Griffin Ensign.

Ditto for the late Company of Major Thomas Harris, Jonathan Yates Captain Richard Hendly Coutts 1.st Lieutenant, John Neall 2.d do and Raphael Boarman Jr. Ensign

Ditto for the late Company of Capt.t William Campbell, Walter Winter Captain, Richard Bennett Boarman 1.st Lieutenant Johnathan Thomas 2.nd do and Nehemiah Gibbons Ensign—

Ditto for the late Company of Capt.t John H Stone, George Swann Capt.t John Swann 1.st Lieutenant, Michael Stone 2.d do and William Laman Ensign. —

Mr. James Farnandis who was first Lieutenant to Capt.t Robert Sennetts Company, having entered into the regular service, made a recommendation of officers necessary for that Company, and the following Gentlemen are recommended to Wit, John Muschett, 1.st Lieutenant, William M.c Conkie 2.d do and Samuel Stone Jun.r Ensign: —

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