

dated July 22nd

On the 27th of July rec^d a letter from Gen^l Armstrong, acknowledging the rec^d of my letter of the 15th instant and directing or authorizing one Comp^y of detached Militia to be stationed at Sewes and one at Newcastle—

On the 5th of Aug^t rec^d a letter dated Washington July the 20th informing me (after adv^g the rec^d of mine of June 25th) that Col^l Davis was ordered to Sewes, and that Gen^l Bloomfield was Author^d to raise a comp^y of Sea fencibles for the defence of that place—

On the 19th of Aug^t— I addressed the following to Gen^l Armstrong—

Sir I have the honor ^{to acknowledge} the rec^d of your letters of the 25th and 22nd of July—

That Col^l Davis arriv^d at Sewes, the 3rd inst^{ant} and is endeavoring to raise a comp^y of Sea fencibles here, ab^t 30 have entered—

One comp^y of detached Militia, which you authorized me to station at Sewes, is now filled up, and Col^l Davis informs me Major Cha^s Hunter will attend to muster and inspect them

If it meets your approbation, it is my intention to postpone calling out the Comp^y of Militia to Newcastle, for the present, as the enemy have no force now in the Bay of Delaware, and one Frigate only, has been cruising off the Cape for three weeks past— A number of Gentlemen of Newcastle, have also represented to me, that a considerable force is now stationed there, as a place of Rendezvous— viz^t The Crew of the Guerrier, the flatilla, and Major Stockton's recruits am^t it is supposed to three or four hundred men—

The Organization of the Reg^t to be held in readiness ~~under~~ agreeably to the Order of the 4th of July is in a state of forwardness I shall cause a return thereof to be forwarded, to the Department of War as early as possible— I have the honor &c^o D^r

H. S. A. C^o of S^o of War

On the 15th and 16th of May the frigate Kestrel and Tender came in 2 days successively and from their manœuvres caused an alarm, each night. Captⁿ Hollands, whose comp^y time had expired, called upon me for men to aid in keeping guard over the powder a part of which had been moved out of Town I ordered a S^{er}jeant & 12 Men for that purpose— the threat^{ed} appearance of the enemy still