

**William Fairfax to George Washington, May 9, 1756,
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FROM WILLIAM FAIRFAX, ESQ.

ALEXANDRIA; 9th May 1756

DEAR SIR

Your Letter to the Governor, G. Fx, and what accompanied them from Colo. Carlyle &c describing the calamitous State & Condition of Hampshire & Frederick Countys, And Some Apprehensions of the blood thirsty and savage Enemy's near Approaches to Shannondoah River and the blue Ridge, both the Council and Ho. of Burgesses thought it necessary the Governor Should issue his Orders for half the Militia of the nearest County imediately to march to joyn and assist You. The Spirit of just Resentment on the repeated Insults & Attacks has So far prevalid as to animate Mr Attorney and many Gentlemen to enter into an Association for a vigorous Defence and Repulse of our comon Enemy and propose being at Fredricksburg Soon. Mr Fielding Lewis is their Comissary to provide Provisions. As the Several Detachments when met at Winchester will be a larger Body than You may now want and put Doctr. Walker to Some Difficulty to Supply them, yet it must be remembered when They were order'd out, the Causes assigned for their being required made every One think the unavoidable Expences accruing not worthy Consideration. Your proposal to have a good and Strong Fort at Winchester is approv'd and think It will be undertaken. The E. of Loudoun is dayly expected, Majr. Genl Abercromby &c with Some Regiments, four if not more —

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One Matthew Bowyer who had been Wth Captn. Overton under Majr. Lewis on the unsuccessful March towards the Shawanese Town, applied to the Governor for a Lieuts. Comission in Your Regiment, but was answerd the Appointment of filling up Vacancys was left to You. I am therefore become a Solicitor in behalf of Bryan Fx. who Seems now to like a Military Life, that on a Vacancy You would please to appoint Him a Lieutenant in Some Company whereof the Captain is an exemplary worthy Officer, And if agreeable to Bryan, of which I am not certain; I persuade my Self He will diligently apply Himself to learn the Arts of War under your leading Example. The Governor thinks You will and perhaps the Regiment be put on the English or Irish Establishment.

Colo. Jas. Wood's Removal with his Family, added to the fears of many People below, thinking He would not desert his Plantation without the utmost Necessity.

You have now a fair Occasion to free your Country from the Savage Invaders which beside the Pleasure it will give You in being the happy Means under God, Lord Loudon will be acquainted with your Merit, and being our Governor in Chief consider You as fitting to Serve on future necessary Employments.

We all here Pticularly Salute You Which I witness as Yr very affecte & obedt Ser W:
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