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FROM MAJOR ANDREW LEWIS.

AUGUSTA COURT HOUSE Sepr. ye Ist. 1757

Last Night I arrived here in Order to fall upon some Method to Ingage provisions for the troop stationed in this County—his honr. the governor has ordred me to Regulat the Militia of this County, & as there is a General Muster here this Day it is part of my Business.

As soon as Capt Woodward arrived at Fort Lyttelton Lt. Bullet Marched & Joined me at Dickensons Fort Some Days Before I left that. Inclosed you have Returns According to my Instructions with Size & Necessary Rolls—my old Company had not thire hats, Neither were they sent from Winchester ye men is very uneasy about ye want of them as they are in a manner Bareheded—I sent Mr. Allan with some Assistance afture ye men which Deserted from me at this place on my March out, they had not ye Fortun to take Either of them. but hering of some others took 2 who Deserted from Lt. Buckner on his march from Fredricksburg. these 2 with one Inlisted which you may see by my Return want thire Cloathes & Inlisting money. as you will have frequent oportunitys of Sending Necessarys which we are in want of as you will see by ye Necessary Rolls, by waggons or Carts Coming to this place I hop you will send them.—In Answer to a Letter I sent to his honr. ye governor he writs me to Abandon Fort Lyttelton or Continue ye troop as I think proper. As that Fort in time may be of Some Service I think it Best to Continue one Officer with 20 men at it. Capt woodward with 50 at Campbells the remainder of ye Detachment under Capt Woodward which will be Neare 30 at old Cloyds. Capt. Dickenson with his Company

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I have ordred to the mouth of Crag's Creek, by which Means I Believe ye people will Return to thire Habitations, before my arrival here with ye Troops, there was not a Soule Between ye Nh. Rr. & Vauses, but since most of the fork people has Returned—I shall send a small party of my Company to Fort Dinwiddie—I have stationed Capt. Preston in ye Bull-pasture —there is two Companys of ye Militia Now on Duty which I know not how to Dispose of, tho I wrot to ye governor in a partickular manner about them he wrot me he knew of none but Preston & Dickenson, notwithstanding ye other was stationed by his & ye Counsels Order. there is one place yt Vacant which is not garrisoned ye Consequences may be bad. that is ye So. Branch or So. fork Between Capt. Woodward's. old Station & Prestons, as ye governor has not given me a Direct Answer nor I Believe wont, I am afraid that place must be Deserted —

his honr. wrot me Colo. Reed was appointed to supply ye troops under my Command with provitions. I hant as yet heard from Reed nor Cant larn that he has provided one mouth foull. which has Layd me under an Obligation to provid I suppose I shall ly out of my money Some years perhaps afture taking as many Jurneys to Wmsburg as will Ocation ye spending ye hole I may Receive it

I am Sir your most Obedeant & Very Humble Servant ANDW LEWIS P. S. few Days since a Sarjt. of ye Militia was kiled by ye Enemy Near Fort Dinwiddie which is all ye Damage done in this Country Since my arival —