

N<sup>o</sup> 6. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, 23d July 1793.

I BEG Leave to represent, with the utmost Respect, that on the 19th Instant His Majesty's Frigate The Boston appeared off this Harbour to take a Pilot for the American Coasts; upon which Brigadier General Ogilvie ordered the Signals of Alarm to be made. The King's Nova Scotia Regiment were in a few Minutes paraded, and the First Battalion of Halifax Militia assembled, completely armed, in Fifteen Minutes, before the Government House. It gives me great Pleasure in reporting the Alacrity and Loyalty this Militia Battalion manifested upon this Occasion; and I am fully persuaded they will amply justify my Confidence in them, whenever His Majesty's Service may call them into Action. The Alarm Signals were suppressed before they had reached the other Militia, who are all regulated to march with Dispatch to whatever Part of the Province the Signals of Alarm require them; each Man with a Blanket, Ten Days Provisions, and the best Arms he can procure. In case of any Invasion on this Town, I will in Twenty Minutes put under the Command of Brigadier General Ogilvie 900 Militia; in Two Hours to be reinforced with 600, being the Second Battalion, who reside a few Miles round the Town; and these as fast as possible, by the Militia Legion of Nova Scotia, consisting of 1,000 effective Men, commanded by Colonel Barclay, and other respectable Officers upon Half Pay. The Privates many of them having served last War, these are prepared with Horses to expedite, and Arrangements are taken to move instantly toward the Place of Alarm, and there form under their respective Companies.

The Company of Militia Artillery of this Town were among the First on the Parade, completely armed, and cloathed in Uniform, at their own Expencc. They continue Daily, and with unwearied Diligence, to prepare themselves for Usefulness with the Division of Royal Artillery in this Garrison, and may be safely relied on as an additional Company of 60 Men to that Corps. These are composed of very respectable Men, generally of extensive Business and Property, both in this Country and in England. Among the Privates are Men of £. 100 to £. 600 per Annum clear Estate, who from a declared Principle of Loyalty, and utter Abhorrence of French Democratic Tyranny, have voluntarily offered their Services.

The remaining Militia of the Province are perfectly well disposed, and will defend His Majesty's Government faithfully. In case of Emergency 4,000 of these will join me, and in extreme Urgency 2,000 more may be expected; which will make the whole Militia Strength 9,160 Men, including Officers.