

N^o 5. Extract of a Letter from Lieut. Governor Wentworth to
Mr. Secretary Dundas; dated Halifax, 4th June 1793.

THE Militia are forming with great Zeal and Activity into a powerful Defence for the Province; the Regiment belonging to this Town are near 600 strong—completely armed from His Majesty's Ordnance Office; being themselves, like the other Militia of the Province, personally unprovided. These are Two Days each Week embodied and trained. To them are added a Company of Artillery, consisting of 56 of the principal Merchants and Freeholders in the Town, who are daily exercised in their Duty; also armed from His Majesty's Ordnance Office, and are to put themselves under His Majesty's Artillery Officer in this Garrison, in case of any Invasion or other Emergency. These Two Corps are to assemble in Fifteen Minutes Alarm upon the Parade in this Garrison; and, I am persuaded, will prove a good Body of Men, as many of them have served in the Army, and the Officers are respectable and experienced. I have taken Security for Return of all the Arms and Accoutrements issued from the Ordnance Office, whenever they may be required.

The Regiment forming under Colonel James Delancy, and Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Barclay, of One thousand chosen Men, most of whom have been in the Army, and are commanded by Officers upon Half Pay, who, upon this Occasion, with great Loyalty and Attachment to His Majesty's Service, voluntarily engage in this Regiment, and when armed from the Ordnance Office (there being none other in the Country) they engage to defend, to their utmost Power, the Coasts on Saint Mary's, Annapolis, and the Bay of Fundy; and with the greatest possible Speed, to repair to any other Part of the Province that may be invaded, or whenever they receive my Orders for that Purpose. As most of them have Horses, this Corps would in the Course of Five Days be assembled in any Part of the Province. The other Regiments of Militia are forming as fast as possible; and I have the greatest Pleasure in representing, that both Men and Officers meet my Endeavours for His Majesty's Service with the greatest Alacrity.

I had the Honour to receive the Instructions from the Master General of the Ordnance, and delivered them to the principal Officer in this Garrison, who has issued Arms and Accoutrements for His Majesty's Regiment now raising under my Command. There are also in Store many more than will be wanted for the Regiment raising in New Brunswick, and of the best Quality. I have been very successful in Recruiting, being now about 400 Men; and have the best Prospect of it's being soon my Duty to report the Regiment complete.

Commodore George sailed the 31st May from this Harbour, in His Majesty's Frigate The Hussar, to keep the Coasts clear of any hostile Cruizers that may attempt to annoy the Trade or Settlements to the Westward; and also to protect the Transports expected from New Brunswick, with His Majesty's 6th Regiment of Foot, to make up a Fleet with the 65th, to proceed to Barbadoes, under Convoy of The Alligator, upon her Arrival with Brigadier General Ogilvie and the Troops from St. Pierre's in Newfoundland, which may be about the 15th Instant.

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