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By several Authenticated Accounts lately received  
Twelve Thousand or upwards of German Troops are  
on their Passage from England ~~to~~ Bound for Boston  
or Perhaps some other Port in New England or  
the other ~~Colonies~~ Neighbouring Colonies. as it  
is Uncertain where they may Land it is of great  
Importance to be ready to give them a Proper Reception  
Therefore you are required without delay. Punctually  
to give Orders to all the Captains under your command  
to direct their Several Companies to hold themselves  
in readiness to March at the least warning  
and Equip themselves in the best Manner they  
possible can. and you are to take the most  
unwearied pains to examine into the State of  
the Soldiers and <sup>in particular</sup> see their fire arms are kept  
in the utmost readiness for Action. and in case  
of an Alarm or certain Notice of the Landing  
of Troops in the Massachusetts Bay or New  
Hampshire <sup>by a Requisition for Assistance</sup> to give Orders to your Several Companies  
to Muster and March as many men as con-  
possible be raised out of them. Properly Officered  
by Field Officers. Captains <sup>according to the Number of men</sup> & Subalterns to such place  
then to assist in repelling such force. and you  
may assure all such ~~men~~ Officers and Soldiers  
that may March on any such Alarm that they  
shall be paid for the time they continued in the  
service the same Wages <sup>with the</sup> as the other troops raised  
in this Colony for the publick service have. and  
that they shall not be detained any longer than  
the Emergency of such Alarm may require.



Order to Militia  
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