

By order, on August 27, the following militia companies proceeded on sloops, to the defence of New York City for ninety days' service: Artillery, under Captain Walker, Albany; Wigton, Hudson; Stocking, Catskill; Nelson, Poughkeepsie; and Butterworth, Newburg. Light infantry, under Captains Buckley, Albany; Pierson, Athens; Lawson, Poughkeepsie; Wilson, Poughkeepsie; Denniston, Newburg; Birdsall, Newburg; and Dubois, Catskill.

On their arrival at the wharves, Governor Tompkins issued this order:

“ State of New York, General Orders.

“ Headquarters, New York, Aug. 31st, 1812.

“ A number of volunteer corps from the cities of Albany and Hudson, and the villages of Athens, Catskill, Poughkeepsie, and Newburg, have arrived in this city and will, together with Captain Hartell's company of light infantry, rendezvous at the arsenal, at the corner of White and Elm Streets, to-morrow morning, September the first, precisely at seven o'clock.

“ From the arsenal they will proceed to Whitehall, and then embark for the state forts at Staten Island.

“ As the above-mentioned troops are destined to aid in the defence and protection of the harbor and city of New York, they will be escorted by the uniform troops of the city from the arsenal to Whitehall.

“ For that purpose the first brigade of artillery, the first regiment of riflemen, Major Warner's squadron of cavalry, and the uniform independent companies of the city of New York, not attached to the said brigade regiments and squadron, are directed to parade uniformed and equipped under the command of Brigadier-General Morton, to-morrow morning, at six o'clock.

“ By order of the commander-in-chief,

“ WILLIAM PAULDING, junr.,

“ adjutant-general.”

The military named in the order having at the appointed time assembled, they afterward passed in review before Governor Tompkins, who issued, on September 1, an order, in which he made the following commendation and assignments:

“ The commander-in-chief feels the greatest satisfaction in announcing to the several independent companies, detached for the public service at the Narrows, the high sense he entertains of their patriotic promptitude in obeying the call of the country. Their appearance and behavior, during the parade of this day, reflects the most distinguished honor on the whole corps, and demand and receive the unqualified praise and thanks of the commander-in-chief.

“ The said corps [the five companies of artillery and eight of light infantry] are formed into a regiment, and the following organization of commissioned officers therefore is hereby assigned and confirmed, and all officers herein as-