

Southern District
State of New York.

General Orders

No. 2. - City of New York June 1. 1813.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief having been pleased by the annexed General Orders to confer on the Major-General of Artillery for the purposes therein mentioned the command of the Militia of the Southern District of this State.

The General directs that on receipt of these Orders Commandants of Regiments will forthwith designate in Orders some convenient rendezvous for their respective commands and notify him of the same they will also furnish him with the strength of their corps, deficiencies of equipments and any other information they may deem useful to communicate.

The General feels confident that should the active enemy on the extensive Southern frontier of this State demand the united efforts of the Citizen Soldiers of this District that neither the officers or men would for an moment hesitate in obeying the call of honor & glory in repelling the invading foe from our harbours & our homes.

The Patriotic Soldier while he reflects on the extensive conflagrations in our Revolutionary conflict lighted too by the
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Same torch, which has so lately been kindled that has reduced
to ashes the habitations of our defenceless citizens instead of flaring
in security will be led to expect and be ready to repel the
worst of warfare

The General spurs the commandants of Brigades, then
Corps, that should the enemy attack or invade that again
he will be ready to participate the dangers & fatigues of such
an event

And he hopes no minor considerations will be put in
the scale when security to their homes, safety to their ^{families} friends,
the ^{being} of their city may depend upon their resolve

By order of Major General Stevens

W. W. Wsby, Aid de Camp

Brigadier General Van Soutland

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Head Quarters New York May 31 1813.

The Commandants of the several brigades of Infantry and of
the brigade of Artillery in the Southern district, and the Command
ant of the brigade of Cavalry comprehending the Southern district,
are required without delay to fix upon plans of rendezvous, for
the requisite Regiments, Battalions and Companies within their
respective Brigades, and within the Southern District, preparatory to
invasion or alarm, and to report the same in writing to Major
General Stevens of the Artillery, the Senior Militia Officer, in
said District; who will without delay report the same to the
Commander-in-Chief, for the time being. The aforesaid directions
of Major General Stevens, in case of invasion or alarm, will be
implicitly obeyed by all Militia Officers, within the Southern
District.

By order of the Com^d in Chief
Signed, Robert Maconochie
aid de Camp

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Brigadier General P. Van Courtland

Southland Town

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