

Sir

Geeks Hill Sept. 9. 1813-

This day I received information by Major Jackson Odell that a number of the Enemy's Ships of War were in the Sound opposite this County & had committed depredations upon some of the small adjacent Islands and had also taken a number of the Coasting Vessels - This being a Cause of general Alarm along the Eastern waters of this County and which ~~from its situation~~ lies so notoriously defenceless to the Enemy's Vessels & understanding that the Secretary at War had not provided any force ~~that~~ ~~was~~ belonging to the United States Army to defend that part of the Country ^{which from its exposed situation was} most likely to be depredated upon. I thought it my indispensable duty as far as I was clothed with power to protect the Inhabitants & therefore have ordered out the 33rd & the 12th Regiments to be posted ^{along the Sound} from Biram River to Throgmortons Neck - This I have done until Major General Stevens to whom your Excellency has assigned the command of the Southern ^{Division} District may otherwise direct - I shall immediately repair to the Sound & have directed

the Brigade Quarter Master to call upon Majr.
General Stevens to take his orders for furnish-
ing the men with arms & other munitions
of war -

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's most Obedt
servt -

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His Excellency

Govr Tompkins -

P.S. where I expect to have an interview with Gen
Stevens as I have written him to meet me
at New Rochelle on Saturday next -

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Copy Letter to
Govr Tompkins
Sen: 9 - 1813 -

His Excellency
Governor Tompkins
Albany