

TO THE COLONELS OR COMMANDING OFFICERS OF THE RESPECTIVE
BATTALIONS OF THIS STATE.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Enemy are at Trenton, and all the City Militia are marched to meet them.—*From an old Manuscript.*

WARRANT CREATING THE BOARD OF WAR.

The Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania :

To David Rittenhouse, Owen Biddle, William Moore, Joseph Dean, Samuel Morris, Senr., Samuel Cadwalader Morris, John Bayard, George Gray, and John Bull, Esquires, Send Greeting :

WHEREAS, The civil department of this commonwealth requires Great attention and will for some time fully employ this council to discharge the duties thereof. And it is also of Great Importance that a due attention be Still paid to the war which we are engaged in. And Confiding in your Abilities and Integrity, We do appoint you a Board of war for the Land Service of this State, hereby giving to you or any three of you full power and authority to do and perform all matters and things necessary in said Department, Subject nevertheless to the directions and examinations of this council from time to time as we may judge expedient, and Saving to ourselves always the power of appointing officers agreeable to the Frame of Government of this Commonwealth ; This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this or a future Supreme Executive Council.

Dated, Philadelphia this 13th day of March in the year of our Lord 1777.

Signed

THOMS. WHARTON, JR., *Pres.*

Attest :

TY. MATLACK, *Secry.*

A monument of granite about twelve feet high was erected to the memory of David Rittenhouse, a few years ago, in the Court House Yard at Norristown, Montgomery County, Pa. with the following inscriptions—:

(*First side.*)

1784.—1884.