

Fort Harness, Virginia, Regiment War Council to George Washington, August 10, 1756, Proceedings, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

At a Council of War held at Fort Harness August 10th: 1756

Present the following Members

Capt. THOMAS WAGGENER President

Capt. THOMAS COCKE

Capt. WM. BRONAUGH

Capt. ROBERT SPOTSWOOD

Capt. DAVID BELL

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The President produced to the Council Orders from Colo. Washington of the 5 & 7 of August that the President & the two remaining Companys are to be disposed of in the most eligible manner for the protection of the Inhabitants above ye Trough, & as the Militia Stationed upon the Branch are determined to leave their Stations directly, We judging the Welfare of our Country requires that as many of the Inhabitants as possible remain on the Branch, which without protection it will be impossible to Detain,

It is therefore the opinion of the Council that the Forces Detached from the Regiment and now upon the Branch without a further Supply of Men it will be impracticable to proceed in building the Chain of Forts Ordered.

We are likewise Informed that the upper Inhabitants that is those twenty miles above Capt. Waggener's upper Fort is without a Mill, & that neither meal or flour can be had without sending a Detachment at least twenty Miles for it, so that the whole except Capt. Bells Company remains here 'till further Orders

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