

John Hall to George Washington, June 1, 1757, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM CAPTAIN JOHN HALL. ¹

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SR/

I have to inform you I have been at this Place this 7 days,—I have made use of all my Credentials, & got admitted to an Interview with his Lordship—he seemed much displeas'd at my leaving the Virginia Regiment, & I believe it was owing to the influence of yr. kind Sr. he did not reject me,—being apprehensive I presume too favourable a Reception might encourage others of that Chore² to revolt.—I am appointed to Join the 44th. Regiment & this day embark.—the general Embarkation has been made this fortnight, his Lordship & Admiral Hardy going abroad this Evening, gives the Alarm for sailing—6000 Regulars. & 500 Provincials with Rogers in 90 sail of Transport, convoy'd by a 50. three 20s & a Sloop of War accompanys—an infinite Qty. of Stores & Provisions—fine train of Artillery, vast qty. of scaling Ladders—floating Batterys &c. Yet to what Purpose no one can with certainty determine. —

We are this moment alarm'd with an acct. from a Vessell just arriv'd, that 6 large french men of War, are laying near to intercept us—this acct. agrees with others we have before had—how far it may influence his Lordships Intentions none knows, tho' its generally believ'd we sail to morrow—I hope to give you more agreeable news in my next,—while

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you'd do me the honour to receive my Lr. I shall not be remiss—that the motions of the Troops under yr.Command—may conduce to yr. honour & that you may enjoy health & felicity

are the cordial Wishes of Sr. Yr. mos obt. humble Servt. JNO. HALL

1 A John Hall married Anne, daughter of Robert and Anne (Meriwether) Bolling. The name of Instant Hall is found among the vestry of Bristol Parish in 1720, and in 1718 a Robert Hall was burgess from Prince George County.

2 Corps?