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The following paper, dated 1715, is an order from the Duke of St. Albans, who appears to have been Lord Lieutenant of the County at that time, to the High Constables, &c., of Hundred of Cookham, to furnish a list of the number of Foot and Horse Militia and the names of the persons who found them and set them forth.

The paper is in the possession of Mr. Henry Arrowsmith, of Littlewick Lodge.

JAMES RUTLAND, Taplow.

Berks. To the High Constables of the Hundred of Cookham, in the said County, and also to the petet Constables and 1715. Tything men and Headboroughs of all and every the Towns, Parishes, Villages, Tythings, Hamlets and other places whereof they are officers and to every of them.

I, Charles Beauclerk, Duke of St. Albans, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Berks, in pursuance of the Acts of Parliament for ordering the forces of that part of Great Britaine and called England, doe hereby charge and require you the said High Constables and every of you forthwith to call together or deliver precpts to the severall petit Constables, Tythingmen, or Headboroughs of every Tything, Town, Parish, Village, Hamlet and other St. Albans. place within the said Hundred, directing and requiring the and every of them respectively by virtue hereof, forthwith to make return to you in writing fairly written and subscribed by each of the said officers, making the same a true and perfect List of the name of the Captain who Comanded them and the Christian and Sirnames of the person and persons who are to find and set forth or contribute to the finding and setting forth of each foot soldier now to be found by each and every Town, Parish, Village, Thything and other places within the said hundred according to the numbers charged upon such Town, Parish, Village, Tything and other place respectively att the said last Establishment together also with the number of Soldiers to the Militia horse of the said County, which each such Town, Parish, Village, Tything or other place found and get forth or Contributed to the finding and setting forth at the said last establishment and the name of the Captain who Comanded them and also the name of all and every the persons who are now to find and set forth or contribute to the finding and setting forth of each and every horse soldier according to the number and proportions charged upon each Town, Parish, Village, Tything or other place

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within the said Hundred att the time of the said last Establishment and the respective places of aboad of such contributions to the horse and where their Estates doe lye for which they shall so contribute and you the said high Constables are hereby required personally to appear and deliver in all and every the said returns thereof to me and my deputy Lieutenants of the said County at the house of Eleanor Garraway called the Three Tuns Tavern in Reading in the said County on Saturday the fifth day of November next att nine of the clock in the morning. In order for the more speedy and effectual forming into Companyes and Troops and putting in readiness his Majesties said fforces. And you are then and there to attend the service to receive such further orders as shall be thought necessary on that behalf Whereof you are not to fail as you will answer the contrary at your peril. Given under my Hand and seale this twentyfifth day of October in the second year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord George King of Great Britaine &c. Anno Dmi.

- *Robert Lee Esq sets out a foot soldier (Edward Dentry of Binfield)
 *Mr Jenkeson, Rector, and Mr Holloway sets out a foot soldier John
 Giles of Binfield.
- *Willm Angell Esq. Mr Moody Hen: Dean and other Contributers set out a foot soldier George Boyce of Wingfield Parish.
- *Richard Hannington, gent, Mrs Linscome Thomas Southey and other contributers set out a foot soldier William Coate of Oakingham Parish.
- *Mr Tovey Mr Thacham Mr Lamport and other contributers sets out a foot soldier Thos Puntor of Binfield.
- *Mr Baker Mr Rhodes Charles Cowell and other contributers sets out a foot soldier James Barns of Warfield.
- *Mr. Barker Mr Wandsford and Mr May and other contributers sets out a foot soldier Walter Elkins in ye Liberty of Earely in ye parish of Sunning.
- *Sir Willm Compton Mr Ray and Mr Draycot and other contributers sets out a foot soldier Richard Golden of Binfield parish.
- *John Pocock Daniel Pocock Mr Griffin and other contributers sets out a foot soldier John Turner of Sandhurst parish.