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Sir,

I do myself the Honor to inclose you a Resolution of our Assembly with respect to the Militia of this Commonwealth in consequence of Intelligence received of the design'd movements of the Enemy at New York, whether well founded or not, it is best to be prepar'd for the worst that can happen. I am particularly led to address you on this Subject by the Request of the Marquis de Vauveuil Commander in Chief here of the French Squadron he is anxiously concern'd for the Safety of the Ships at Portsmouth under the command of his Brother, I have desired me to solicit you that Orders may be taken with you to furnish such a number of Militia as will be competent to the support of the Batteries that are necessary for the Protection of those Ships. I am confident I need only mention this to your Excellency, to be ascertain'd of its being carried into full Effect; the many Obligations we are under to the French Nation, Demand from us every Aid & support in our Power, & I am well convinc'd that you & the State over which you preside will give every demonstration of your readiness to co-operate with them in every Measure that shall tend to advance our own Interest & that of our great & good Ally.

You will observe that I am Authoriz'd in case of an Attack in a neighbouring State, to order such part of our Militia as may be necessary to their Relief, this I shall most cheerfully do, should it happen that your

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that your State is in Danger, in full confidence that if this State should be
in like Circumstances, I shall experience the same Attention from
your State.

I have the Honor to be with Sentiments of real Regard,
Sir, Your Excellency's

Most Obed. ^{ty} hble Serv^t,
John Hancock