

Hartford June 9th 1779

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Sir—

Your Letter of the 10th & 26th Ult^o request-
ing aid from this State, for the Department
under your Command, I have received, & laid
before the General Assembly, of this State, in
their present Session, to which they have
given their serious attention, and am sorry
to be oblig'd to inform you, that they think
it entirely out of their power, to comply
with your request, in any measure, consistent
with our own immediate safety, & necessary
attention, to the Enemy in the New York De-
partment — On the pressing requisition
of Major General Gates, we have thought it
our duty, to order the six Battalions, rais'd by
act of Assembly, the last winter, to join him
on Hudsons River, & to detach in addition to them
three Troops of Light Horse — and as there
seems to be a greater probability, that the
Enemy, will bend their main force there, or
immediately on this State than any where
else, — have been oblig'd to order a permanent
Detachment of two more entire Regiments,

for the defence of our very exposed, & extensive
sea coasts, & to act as a diversion shall require.

These exertions, together with the large propor-
tion we have furnished to the Continental
Army, & various other Military services, have
exhausted us to our utmost ability — We
had stipulated with Massachusetts to furnish
you with two Hundred men on our account
in lieu of so many supplied for them, to
Genl. Gates, which in our circumstances,
appears to us, all that can be reasonably
expected at this time, from our State

We have & trust the State of Massachusetts,
& New Hampshire, at present, in a much
less exposed situation, will afford you
all reasonable, & necessary aid, as we shall
also be ever disposed to do, to the utmost
of our Power —

I am Sir — with Esteem
& Respect, your most obed. &
very Hble Servt —

John th Trumbull —

Hon^{ble}. Maj^r. Genl. Sullivan

Gov^r. Trumbull's Letter
to Genl. Sullivan
June 5. 1778