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By Authentick intelligence received from Rhode Island we learn that the Enemy have a Reinforcement from New York of Three Thousand effective Men. They are also very busily employd in Fortifying the Harbour and the Island of Conanicut opposite.

Twenty sail of Transports sailed Yesterday morning from New York. we suppose to bring another Body of Troops. The Enemy can now Muster seven Thousand effective Men on Rhode Island. Dont all these movements shew us that we shall soon have the whole British Army in this Neighbourhood. and that it demands a further Reinforcement of Troops in this Vicinity for the defence of the New England States. I am Sir your Obedient Humble Servant

President Weire.

Isabel Bowen. Dep. Gov^r

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