

Head quarters, Continental-village, October 12. 1781.

Sir,

I have been honored with yours of the 10th ultimo, and another from the committee of safety of the 29th

Part of colonel Reynolds's regiment had almost reached this place before they received counter orders to return to Charlestown, N.H. I wrote to colonel Reynolds, immediately on the receipt of my letter to detach his major and 200 men to Albany to reinforce general Stark, the remainder to continue at Charlestown in readiness to support the settlements on Connecticut river, or to act elsewhere as occasion may require. My last accounts from the northward were of the 8th instant. There was then every reason to apprehend a visit from the enemy, who were at Point O'Fer, said to be about 1000 regulars, ~~and~~ irregulars, and Tories, and about 70 Indians. From their position it could not be determined which way they would bend their operations. I have sent up some reinforcements, and the militia of Albany and its vicinity, are turning out.

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All late accounts from the Southward are favorable, both from general Washington and general Greene, and official intelligence the most interesting, is hourly expected.

The enemy are at work day and night at New York in refitting their fleet and preparing a number of fire-ships. With these and about 3000 regular troops who are to embark as marines on board the men of war, without any transports, they are to make a separate attack on the french fleet as the only hope left - whether they will dare attempt it, time must discover.

I have the honor to be

With great respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Heath

Major General

Honorable Messrs. Weare Esquire, President of the State
of New Hampshire.

W. Heath - 12 Octo 17