

Head quarters, Continental Village, Sept. 17. 1781. ²²¹
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Sir,

I have received undoubted intelligence from Canada, that the enemy have for some time been building canoes and small batteaux at St. Johns, baking hard bread at Montreal, and forwarding it to the same place— And this morning I learn that a brigade of troops have arrived at St. Johns from Quebec. This renders it very apparent that the enemy have designs on the frontiers somewhere. From the reported size of the small craft, they seem calculated for the creeks & rivers towards the settlements on the head of Connecticut river, rather than to cross the lakes. In that case the western militia of your state can best lend aid. I submit to you the cautioning them to be in readiness for the purpose. I have sent a reinforcement to Albany. But the importance of the posts in the Highlands, and present situation of the army are such as forbid my making any considerable detachments to a distance, and constrain me to request that the number of militia called for from

your

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your state, in his Excellency's last letter, may
be sent on immediately — They may, if not
already on their march this way, rendezvous
at Charlestown, N^o 4. and remain there (or, in
case the enemy should attack the settlements
above, march to their aid) until further orders.

In such case, please order the issuing Commissary
in your state to see that they are served with
provisions, while detained in the state.

I have the honor to be

With great regard,

Your Honor's

Most obedient servant,

W^m Heath
M^g General

P.S. In case the militia rendezvous at Charlestown,
please direct the commanding officer to report to
me his name, rank, and the number of militia
with him.

I am just informed that a fleet of
about 40 sail appeared in the Sound off Huntington
the 15th standing eastward — But whether they had
troops on board, or were a wood fleet, is not known.

W^m

Hon. Meshech Weare, Esquire.