

Camp Haverhill Co's 22 Sept^r 1779. 48

Gentlemen

I Judge you are not altogether unacquainted with the business. I have been upon this Summer, I have Extended and made a good Waggon Road, Fifty five miles from this Place, by which I have laid open your Frontiers to our enemies in Canada It being not more than 32 miles from the end of this Road to St. John's. forty six to St. Dennis on the Sorrel River the Heart of Canada — Perhaps it has been a misfortune that the easy Access to that Country was not sooner found out, for it has ever been since the Great and glorious Defeat of Burgoin's Army, in the Power of the State of New Hampshire to have taken Possession of that Country — Two Thousand well Disciplined Troops would have Expelled the British Tyrants from Canada and have added a Rich and Fertile Province, with Thirty Thousand Fighting Men to the United States — I wish your State would take up the matter. Lay a Plan, and I am convinced you will Succeed — Canada is now Ripe for a Revolution and the Inhabitants wish to be United with America — But if we do not assist in setting them free, they may call upon the aid of France

Two Ships with all White Sails and one Thousand Men from ^{that} Kingdom would raise the whole Country, should that be the Case would France make a Present of so Rich and Valuable a Prize to America? Spain may at the same time take Possession of the Floridas and then the House of Bourbon stretch along from the River St. Lawrence to the Mississippi, may even come farther and Insist on the Present pretended British Limits of Canada, and leave for a while Standish the 13 ~~States~~ United States, about the one hundredth Part of America — as half a French

Frenchman. I should not have the worst of this, tho' God
forbid I should live to see the Period, I Submit these hints
to your Hon^r Reflections, I have had the whole course
of the Summer a constant Correspondence from Canada
and by repeated clear and authentic accounts not more
than 4000 men are in arms in all that Country, one
half that N^o Foreign Troops Dissatisfied & mutinous
to a Degree that almost induces them to lay down their
arms. Stationed from the Commercesaw to Michemacaw
Twelve hundred miles in length, therefore the half of
those Troops cannot be brought together to act in
the field - How easy then has such a conquest been
I am Happy to find that a Magazine of Provision is laid
up at this Place as there is a Probability of its being
wanted, for if we go not to the Assistance of your friends
in Canada we have at least opened a communication
for our enemies to visit this Quarter - Mr Childs the
Purveying Comiss^y has Authorised me to assure his
Excellency the Commander in Chief that he has
already secured Twelve Thousand Bushels of Wheat
on this River from Charlestown upwards and that he
is in Hopes if he is not Shorted in money to be able
to Collect Twenty five Thousand Bushels, Exclusive
of Pease Indian Corn & other Grain, what a fine Country
is it not worth your Notice and the Protection of Congress

It will in time be the Grainery of the Eastern States
before this will reach Exeter you will most Probably
hear of my Reg^t being recalled, We shall march about
the 24th Instant - But assure your selves the Reg^t will
conveniently march with Pleasure and shall ever be ready
to undertake the most Difficult part of the Service
Attend^y

Attending an Expedition to Canada, In short, ^{Genl.}

Difficulty can I possibly attend such an Undertaking

I have at the Particular Request of the Inhabitance
had a Capt. Subaltern and Thirty men at Upper Co's
they have put up a small Fort for the Protection
of the Inhabitance - I have also Block House on
Hazen's River about twelve miles from Peachum
Where I shall leave a Detachment of Whitemen by Corps
as the best Security that ^{can} be given by me for that
Quarter. I have also Supplied the Inhabitance of Upper
Co's with 25. Stand of Arms and some Ammunition
- and ^{have left} other military Stores with Genl. Bailey - at this
Place - I have done and shall still continue to do
every thing in my Power for the Benefit of this
Country - which I think is no more than a Duty
due to the United States of America.

I have the Honor to be, Gentlemen, your

Most obed. & most Devoted
Humb. Serv^t

Mon. Hazen

The Honorable The Council for
the State of Newham there

(Public Service)

The Honorable Council of the State of
New Hampshire

Letter from Col^d Hazen
Oct. 2. 1779

Exeter

Boston 30th Sept. 1779

Acc^d forwarded by
y^r Hon. most hum^{ble} Serv^t
S. Hurd

after from, Mrs. Hazen
requesting a road to Canada,
and urging an expedition
of conquest thither.
Sept. 22, 1779.