

Sir

(159) North Kingstown 22nd July, 1778⁷⁵

I herewith send you a Defenter from the Island of Conanicut. He informs that the Fleet which ~~came~~ came into Rhode Island, which you have had information of, brought three thousand effective men & another Fleet went out yesterday, containing twenty two Sail, mostly Ships, & was followed by 2 or 3 others which went out in the evening, the Defenter informs that another reinforcement is expected in, consisting of four thousand men, & that the Light House ~~was~~ is ordered to be lighted for them to come in by, the Light House was lighted last night I saw it myself, which was the first time it has been lighted since the British Army has been in this State. The Defenter says that their Design is to burn ~~from~~ Providence, which is to be done next Thursday night. A number of Tents were sprung yesterday upon Conanicut. They are fortifying upon the Island with a considerable party. The Fleet mentioned by the Defenter were seen from our shore. from
Your humble Servant,
James Williams, Secy^t
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Mayor Gen^l Sullivan
(Copy)

Letter from J. G. L. C. L.
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