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State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Boston September 21, 1778

Gentlemen,

The Council of this State have received a Letter from Gen^l. Sullivan, whereof we have enclosed a Copy. Several Letters of later date ^{the} corroborating circumstances tend to prove the justness of his Opinion.

This Assembly impressed with the highest importance of the Subject, have passed the Resolves whereof Copies are enclosed, and would have called for a larger proportion of the Militia, were it not for their dependence on every man, at the shortest Notice.

How desperate will be the Attempt should it be made, you will judge, when it is considered how Great and (in case of their failure) decisive will be the event.

Proportionate vigor is incumbent on us. — And your well known readiness forbids us to urge the Necessity of your utmost exertions, with the utmost dispatch.

In the Name and behalf of the General Assembly

I am Gentlemen,

with due Respect Your most Obedt^t hum^l Serv^t

Jer: Powell President

Hon^l. Gen^l. Assembly,
State of New Hampshire

