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I have lately had a conference with the Assembly of this State, respecting its Defense the ensuing Campaign, and find the Numbers granted me will be very insufficient for the Purpose. The Position of the Enemy you can see no Strangers to, collected together, to the amount of five or six thousand Men, they will have it in their Power to make a Descent, at any Time, upon the extensive Shore of my Command, and ravage without Molestation: unless the Country will furnish me with Troops sufficient to post at the different Towns and Places, therefore, to secure the People in their Possessions, and give them that Protection, they have a right to expect, I am constrained, by the Advice of the Assembly, to call upon the Council of New Hampshire for their Quota of Men, as settled by the Treaty at Springfield. And as the Season for military operations, is advancing fast, I wish they may be forwarded as soon as possible.

I have the Honor to be Sir  
your humble Servant

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Jno Sullivan



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