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In Congress; April 15th 1778

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Resolved,

That general Gates be directed forthwith, ^{to repair} to Tish Kill on Hudson's river and take the command of all the troops which now are, or shall be collected and stationed at the posts on that river, and in the whole northern department; and immediately take effectual measures to secure the communication with the eastern states, by maintaining the possession of Hudson's river; and for that purpose, that he be empowered to provide such a number of galleys, gun boats, fire rafts, chains, capoons and cheveaux de frize, & erect such fortifications as he may judge necessary, taking care that the fortifications be not too extensive; and also to carry on operations against the enemy, if any favourable occasions should offer:

That, to enable him to carry into execution the purposes aforementioned, gen.^l Gates be authorized to call for militia & artificers from the states of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, and, in case the enemy shall evacuate Rhode Island, from that state also. And it is hereby earnestly recommended to the said states to afford every assistance in their power, as well in sending forth their militia, in such numbers and for such time as gen.^l Gates shall think proper, as in furnishing artificers, materials and other necessaries for fortifying and obstructing the said river:

That general Gates be directed from time to time to afford every assistance in his power, in forwarding the draughts and other reinforcements destined for the main army.

Extract from the minutes

Ch^{as} Thomson jun^r

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New Hampshire

Wm. Thompson