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St. James's, June 13.

**T**HE Lieutenant-baillie and States of His Majesty's Island of Jersey having waited upon the Right Honourable General Conway, Governor of the said Island, with the following Additions, the same has been transmitted to the Lord Viscount Weymouth, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; together with the Governor's Answer.

S I R,

**T**HE States of His Majesty's Island of Jersey, the Inhabitants of which have ever been distinguished for their unshaken Loyalty, come to give you their Assurances of the true and unfeigned Joy, which they have felt on the Occasion of your safe and happy Arrival in this your Government.

We are deeply sensible of the great and many Blessings which we enjoy under His Majesty's most gracious Reign, and cannot but acknowledge His paternal Care of us, particularly in having appointed for our Governor a Person of your known and distinguished Merit, as well in a Civil as in a Military Capacity,

We are conscious of the Proofs you have already given us of your Regard to our Welfare, and of your Attention to the Security of this Island, of which we have a fresh Instance in so seasonable a Visit of this your Government at this critical and threatening Juncture.

We doubt not but your Presence here will be attended with the most happy Consequences: That it will not fail to animate every one of the King's Subjects with fresh Zeal and Ardour, and may damp the Spirit of any Enterprize which may have been formed against us; and we cannot but hope, that in Consequence of the Report which you will make of the State of this Frontier Island, (so much exposed to an Invasion from a formidable Power) the necessary Measures will be taken for putting it in the best Posture of Defence, and to secure us against any Designs of an ambitious and enterprising Power, which has always viewed us with a jealous Eye, and frequently meditated an Attack upon this Island.

It is with great Pleasure that I can assure you of the Readiness of the States to co-operate with you, with Cheerfulness and Alacrity, in promoting every Measure which may tend to the Advancement of the King's Service, and to the Security of this His Island.

We beg, that upon your Return to England you would assure our most gracious Sovereign of our inviolable Attachment to His Person, Family and Government; and that we shall not cease to offer our most fervent Prayers for the Happiness and Prosperity of His Reign, and for the uninterrupted Success of His Arms.

*Island of Jersey,*  
the 16th of May, 1778.

Gentlemen,

**I** Receive, with particular Satisfaction, the Assurances of your Zeal and Attachment to His Majesty, His Family and Government.

I am highly sensible of the Regard you express for me as Governor of this Island, and of your Readiness to concur in all Measures necessary for its Defence and Security; and I assure you, that no Attention shall be wanting on my Part in co-operating with you, as well towards its immediate Defence in the present critical Conjuncture, as for the Establishment of its future Happiness and Prosperity.

This Island, Gentlemen, has at all Times been distinguished, as well by its Valour and Activity in Defence

of its own Liberty against the Attacks of a potent and dangerous Neighbour, as by its uniform Fidelity and Attachment to the Government of Great Britain. I shall not fail on my Return to express the peculiar Satisfaction I have had in observing, that the present Magistrates, as well as the other Gentlemen in it, appear no less animated with the same laudable Spirit, which did so much Honor to their Progenitors, and to make in every Respect a faithful Report of the State of it to His Majesty.

Whitehall, June 13, 1778.

**T**HE following is an Extract of a Letter from the Honourable General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, received by the Swallow Packet, which arrived at Falmouth the 10th Instant from Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 11, 1778.

My Lord,

**I** Have the Honour to inform your Lordship of Sir Henry Clinton's Arrival here on the 8th Instant; and that, in Consequence of His Majesty's Permission to return to England, I shall delay my Departure no longer than is necessary to furnish my Successor with the Orders and Instructions with which I have been honoured, and with every further Information that I can conceive may be of Advantage or Use to the Service.

Since the earliest Return of Spring a Succession of Detachments from hence has ranged the Country for many Miles round this City, and in the Province of Jersey, to open the Communication for bringing in Supplies, to relieve the peaceable Inhabitants from the Persecution of their Oppressors, and to collect Forage for the Army. These Detachments have without Exception succeeded to my Expectations, greatly to the Credit of the Troops employed, to the Annoyance of the Enemy, and to the Advantage of His Majesty's Service. Colonel Mawhood in particular, with Three Battalions and a Provincial Corps, made a Descent on the Coast of Jersey near Salem, in the Month of March; and, after dispersing the Force collected in that Part of the Country, returned with a very seasonable Supply of Forage.

To the Skill and Activity of Lieutenant-Colonel Abercromby must be attributed a successful Surprise, made on the 4th Instant, upon a Corps of the Enemy, consisting of 900 Men, under the Command of a Brigadier-General, posted about 17 Miles from hence, with 400 Light Infantry, 300 Rangers, and a Party of Light Dragoons; that Officer attacked and defeated this Corps of the Enemy, killing, wounding, and taking 150 Men, including Officers, with the Loss of only 9 wounded. The Rout would have been far more complete, if the long March of the Infantry, in effecting this Surprise, had not disabled them from a vigorous Pursuit.

I have equal Pleasure in reporting to your Lordship the good Conduct and Success of Major Maitland, who was detached the 7th Instant with the 2d Battalion of Light Infantry in Flat Boats, attended by three Gallies and other armed Boats, under the Command of Capt. Henry of the Navy. His Orders were to proceed up the Delaware, and destroy all the Ships and Vessels lying in the River between this and Trenton. The inclosed Account of his Expedition will prove how effectually this Enterprize was executed, and the very considerable Loss the Enemy have sustained.

Two Posts are taken on the Jersey-side of the Delaware, at Cooper's Ferry and at Billingsport; the first