
Sir,

Enclosed are two letters which I received yesterday from General Clinton. By their contents you will find that vigorous exertions are making by the Enemy to give us battle. As they are marching downwards it is necessary that some step should be taken to prevent depredations.

For the purpose, I propose augmenting the Garrison at Wyoming. Col. Smith with a party of two hundred men is now on his march to join you. I shall send with the first Jersey Regiment will move from this place to-morrow morning.

The party under Col. Cortland now in the swamp, consisting of three regiments, will be conveniently posted to guard you every necessary assistance should you be attacked.

You will please to exert yourself in clearing the road from Wyoming to the great swamp, so that a speedy communication may be opened between you & Col. Cortland. The stores that are coming up the river will require a guard, you are therefore requested particularly to attend to them.

Yours, etc.

Your most ob. serv.

[Signature]
