

New Hampshire Oct. 4th 1782

My Lord

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I take the Liberty of informing your Lordship that last Evening arriv'd in this Town one Capt. Snyder who was taken near Trooper about three years since and escaped from his confinement near Montreal on the 10th of last month, he informs that the British Army were encamped at the Isle de Noix on their way to Albany that their number consisted of four thousand principally German Troops, that the Indians under Johnston were to move down Mohawk River and fall on Schenectady at the same time the main Army attack'd Albany; he adds that it was reported by their Officers that the inhabitants of Vermont were to join them on their arrival at Crown Point of which from other accounts there seems some reason to be apprehensive — General Bailey writes by Express that he has similar accounts through other Channels, I have convers'd with an intelligent Officer commanding on our frontiers who confirms this account and assures me that some of his party have encountered the Enemy at the Isle de Noix and find their numbers about four thousand and through a secret Channel have discover'd that the Army is commanded by Major General Clark, their object is Albany & that they are in full expectation of being join'd by Vermont, of which from evidence I have this moment Rec^d. I can have but little reason to doubt — As your Lordship Commands in the Western department it was thought proper by the Judges of the Superior Court now

sitting here ^{and} all the Officers in this Quarter to dispatch
an Express to your Lordship with the foregoing Intelligence
that you may take the proper measures to frustrate the
Enemy's designs — It is difficult to conjecture what may
be the Enemy's designs — possibly the plan for forming a
junction of the two Armies on Hudson River may be
again in contemplation, but making a diversion in
that quarter to weaken General Washington and
then bringing him to action is still more probable.

There is indeed a possibility that they mean to establish
themselves on this side the Lake, secure and bring over
to their measures those inhabitants of Vermont who
are ignorant of the measures of their leaders, and may
possibly attempt to make opposition when the plot
is discovered — Your Lordship I am convinced will use
every effort to discover and frustrate their designs, whatever
they eventually may appear to be.

I have the honor to be with
the most perfect esteem Your
Lordship's most Obedt Servt

May^r Genl. Lord Stirling

Jas^s Sullivan

Copy of a letter from
General Sullivan to
Lord Stirling Oct. 4. 1782