

Gentlemen,

1779

Head Quarters Providence Jan²⁵ 1779

I had the honor of addressing you, some time since, upon the subject of Men, to replace the Regiment lately commanded by Col^l. Peabody. But have since found it so alarmingly difficult to provide Provisions, Storage, Fuel &c. for my present Force; that I am necessarily induced, to request your not sending them, agreeable to my former demand. I am led to hope for Security, from the severity of Weather commencing so early in the season; which will render military Movements on the side of the Enemy difficult, if not ~~even~~ impracticable. At the same time, I could wish your Preparations, to be in such a Train, as to enable you, to reinforce me immediately, should the Enemy, (contrary to present Appearances, and my expectations) assume a continuance of Hostility.

I have the honor to subscribe myself, with sentiments of Regard,
Gentlemen,

Y^r most obed^t. Serv^t J^{no} Sullivan

The Honble

The Council of Safety

New Hampshire,

Letter from Gen. Sullivan
16 Jan. 1779.