

Ld George Germain

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Lord George Germain has the honor of sending your Majesty the letters brought by Lieutenant Colonel Oye from New York.

There was no news of Comte d'Estanges fleet and no suspicion of an attack, but they were however fortifying the narrows, were erecting a strong fort upon Long Island, and orders were given for putting Governors Island in a state of defence, all the Batteries at New York were repaired and strengthened. Mr Henry Clinton has but a few days notice of what d'Estanges designs he will certainly be able to secure himself at New York. Lieutenant Colonel Oye says that

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on the 16th and for several days after when
they were off the coast of Virginia there
was the most violent storm the Captain
of the Packet boat had ever seen, they
perceived much damage had been done
by it as many pieces of Ship, both rigging
and Masts were floating near them, one
yard and Mast they took in to supply
their own Ship with, which was known
to belong to a French vessel; it is to be
hoped that Mr D'Estanges Fleet has had
the whole of this storm, in which case
he must go into Port to repair before he can

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not offensive.
Lord Brandon has resigned and is no longer
Adjutant General. Lieutenant Colonel Oye
does not know the reason of it. A. M. D. R.
Adjutant only mentions the fact in a
private letter.

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