

H. H. to Lord North

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Lord North, I have ever since you yesterday communicated what had been thrown out to Mr. Robinson, been carefully weighing what probably will be mentioned tomorrow at the usual weekly dinner, the result of which I will as briefly as possible state unto you.

That there is great prejudice perhaps not unaccompanied with rancour in a certain breast against Governour Carleton is so manifest to whoever has heard the subject mentioned, that it would be idle to say more than that it is a fact; perhaps Carleton may be too cold and not so active as might be wished which may make it advisable to have the part of the Canadian Army which must attempt to join Gen. Howe led by a more enterprizing ~~Commander~~ Commander; but should the proposal be to recall Carleton from his Governour or censure his conduct that would be cruel and the exigency cannot authorize it; what I would

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Therefore suggest is to let all the invectives against him be thrown out tomorrow without other answer than that it is impossible to send out any orders at present that consequently there is time for maturely considering what is right to be done that when all the Members of the Cabinet are in Town the subject shall be again resumed.

I have also been considering of the Generals application for 4000 Men as an addition to his force, which I do not think quite unreasonable for in the present posture of affairs 3000 Men at least must be left in Canada; part of the Army must proceed on the lakes to ~~Switzerland~~ and another by the Mohawk thro' the having a sufficient force this Spring with undoubtedly greatly shorted the business, foreigners are the only force we can raise and at a reasonable charge

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for they do not cause an additional Half pay when the business shall be compleat, besides the 2,000 Highlanders raised last winter totally has defeated the usual recruiting of the Regiments in Scotland. Burgoyne may command the Corps to be sent from Canada to Albany and Phillips must remain with Carleton in Canada.

These hints I have set down merely as heads for you to consider on previous to the attack of tomorrow.

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