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Remarks on the Conduct of the War - from Seneca.

In General, I conceive, that the Outlines are Founded on
a proper Foundation.

The Rank & File of the Army which is to Serve in that
Country / Including the 11 Regiments of British, Madras
Coast The Brunswick's & Hesse's amount to 10527
Add the 11 additional Companies of 400. Hesse's
The Total will be - 11443.

As I saw Books cheaply sold by Sellers in the Town in
Doubt, whether above 7000 of these can be spared over
Lake Champlain.

Your Majesty's Ministers / who have, of course, the best
Intelligence of the Inclinations of the People in Canada, can
be the Judge, as to what Numbers should be left in that
Country.

Entirely no Hazard should be Run, as to having any
Disturbance there.

The Numbers which are to be Left, should be particularly
Ordered.

The Fixing the Militia, should be left to the Generals.
The Particular Corps which are named, may be as proper
as any.

I have ever been of Opinion, that it has been a

a mistaken Idea of Humanity, in not Employing the Indians.
I am afraid that it will be proved so, as if they are not
for your Majesty's Service, they will act as Enemies.

For this Reason, I Submit it, whether such Instructions
should not be sent to the respective Commanders, as will put
them out of Doubt, as to what measures are to be taken.

Strong Instructions also to General La Motte to be sent
(with as many Cartridges as he can) to the General who
advances with the Army.

The Expedition with which Every thing should be sent
from Britain, is self-evident.

The sooner after the 20th of March, that the Fleet sails,
the better. The Admiralty may want a little
Enforcing.

No time should be lost in forming the necessary
Magazines in Canada, Crown Point &c. I
doubt that General La Motte has made the necessary
Previous Preparations.

I apprehend that Lake Champlain may be frozen sooner
than the time when the Reinforcements & Stores will have
arrived, so as to be Embarked. which will probably be, in
the second week of June.

The sooner that Crown Point is taken possession of, the
better. It is probable that General La Motte will have
taken Post all that place by the end of May.

It is of the greatest consequence to be in possession
of Lake George. I am afraid that the Rebels will
be strong there, as to have Force.

If that Lake is not in our possession, the proposed
Operation must take place, as to moving by South Bay
& Newborough.

as S^r W. Howe seems to think that he can't act
in the Massachusetts from Rhode Island, it may
possibly be most advisable to force down to
S^r Bay & Coriatt that place, instead of going to
the Connecticut River.

The Situation of the Enemy's Strength by Land and
Sea, must decide which is the most eligible.

A Division on the Mohawk River, sh^d certainly
take place.

S^r Tolbot & S^r Legu I find last year on the Canada
Side, he may be a very proper Officer.

The numbers which are proposed for this

Respectively, seem to be safe well.

The Indians, I think, may be in good luck, if
properly managed under Johnson ..

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