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The paper delivered this day by the French Ambassador is certainly equivalent to a declaration and therefore must entirely overturn every plan proposed for strengthening the Army under the Command of Lieut. Gen. Clinton with an intent of carrying on an active War in North America. What occurs now is to fix what numbers are necessary to defend New York, Rhode Island, Nova Scotia and the Floridas, it is a joke to think of keeping Pennsylvania for we must from the Army now in America form a Corps sufficient to attack the French Islands, and two or three thousand Men ought to be employed with the Fleet to destroy the Ports and Works of the Rebels.

The Manchester Regiment and 800. Drafts from the American recruiting Companies to be sent to strengthen Gibraltar.

I shall write every thought as it occurs in this slight manner to Lord North that no time may be lost in taking the various matters into speedy consideration which this event behoves us not to neglect.



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