

Proposal for covering and reducing the
Country as the British Army shall pass through it.

No Truth can be more certain than that the People
of the Middle Colonies are tired of the Rebellion, and that having suffered
every Species of Injustice and Cruelty under the pretended States and
finding themselves fallen from the highest Degree of Happiness under
His Majesty's Government to the most abject Slavery, are anxiously
desirous of being restored to their former Obedience, are ready to co-operate
with the King's Troops to effect that desirable Purpose.

Every Information from all Parts of the Middle Colonies,
and particularly from those of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, demon-
strate this Disposition.

Incessant Offers are made by Men of the first Weight
and Influence in those Parts to raise the well-affected and loyal in
their several Districts, and to form them into a Militia for the
Defence of them, provided they are duly and properly Authorized to
do it, and are furnished with Arms and Ammunition.

It has ever been the Case in these Colonies, when the
British Troops have been in Motion and met with Success in their
Operations, that the disaffected and even those Militia who have
been possessed of Arms, have been so extremely intimidated, that a
few Men with Arms might at those Junctures have disarmed them.

Every Information and the late Conduct of the
Friends to Government shew, that there can be no Danger in trusting
them with Arms. They are perfectly known and clearly distin-
guished.

-quished from the Disaffected and Rebellious. To take the Power out of the Hands of the Latter and place it in the Hands of the Former, subject to the Command and Disposition of the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, is certainly an Object of the first Importance in reducing this Country to Obedience.

Men of the first Weight and Influence on the Peninsula between Delaware and Chesapeake, in the Jerseys, and in all Parts of Pennsylvania, have offered their Service in this Work by repeated Messages and Requests, that, in case they should be supported, or the Power of the chief Rebel Army kept off, they are resolved to raise the Loyalists in their Districts and suppress the Rebellion in their particular Counties.

It is, upon these Principles, proposed;

That, in case the British Army should move after Washington, Messengers (who can be easily procured) be dispatched to these Men of Weight and Influence in such parts as the Juncture and Circumstances may render proper, with Powers authorizing them to set up the King's Standard, and to embody the well-affected to Government in their respective Districts, and with them to disarm and secure those few Men who now oppress them and maintain the Rebellion against the Mother Country, and afterwards to remain as a Militia so long as the Commander in Chief shall think proper.

That where the People to be raised are in want of Arms and Ammunition, they should be supplied, which may be done without Risque or Difficulty.

That in order to carry this Arrangement into Execution

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Execution, it will be necessary that some Person, whose Attachment to Government is indisputable, and in whom the People have Confidence, be appointed as Brigadier or General Commander of the Provincial Troops to be so embodied; that he be vested with full Power to raise, arm and command so many faithful Subjects as may be thought proper in each District, and with them to disarm the Disaffected and use every Means for suppressing the Rebellion and restoring the Country to His Majesty's Peace.

In the Execution of this Proposition, many Gentlemen of Weight and Influence are now ready to engage and will immediately do so, if Washington's Army be defeated, dispersed, or removed over the Chesapeake or to the North of the Delaware, and the People can be assured of the Continuance of the British Troops to support them by pressing after the main Force of the Rebellion.

I have a List of these Gentlemen and the respective Counties in which they reside, in the several Provinces of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and New-Jersey.

<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>Delaware</u>	<u>Maryland</u>	<u>New-Jersey</u>
Philadelphia	New-Castle	Kent	Burlington
Bucks	Kent	Queen Anne's	Gloucester
Chester	Sussex	Dorset	Salem
Lancaster		Somerset	Cumberland
York		Caroline	Hunterdon
		Queen Anne	Monmouth
		Talbot	
N.B. Several of the Counties would raise 1000 Men; none under 500. so that we may safely count upon 500 on an average in each, making in the whole 10,000 Men.			
			<u>Virginia</u>
			Accomack
			Northampton

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