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I have examined the  
several Papers of Mr Galeazzo  
and have no doubt, but his  
Account of the State of  
Philadelphia is very exact  
as to the Houses, Inhabitants,  
the well affected, & ill affected:  
his supposition that 25,767  
People, with the British Army,  
were fed and supplied with  
all manner of fresh Provisions,  
I doubt not was so, in some  
degree, but I imagine they  
all received salt provisions,  
and I suppose Mr Washington's  
Army, was starving at the  
same time, or in great distress:  
The State of the Debt I conclude  
is very exact, and is an  
enormous Sum for America.  
In regard to the ensuing

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Campaign: The present  
Position of the Troops being  
The Floridas reinforced on  
the Right, Nova Scotia  
reinforced on the left, Canada  
forming the Rear, and the  
Rivers Mississippi and St. Lawrence  
with the intervening Lakes  
forming a communication  
from right to left on the  
Back of the Colonies, while  
New York and Rhode  
Island are maintained as  
central Possessions: this  
seems to be, in my humble  
Opinion, the best position  
the Army can be in, and  
the natural offensive  
operations are 3<sup>d</sup> a  
Corps from Canada to  
penetrate by Lake Champlain  
and Lake George to

to Albany. 2<sup>d</sup> a Corps  
from East Florida to penetrate  
into Georgia &c. and 3<sup>d</sup>  
a Corps from Nova Scotia  
to penetrate into New Hampshire,  
while the Troops at New-  
York and Rhode Island  
might keep the eastern  
Provinces in awe, and  
prevent their sending any  
Detachments to frustrate  
the operations of the above  
Corps. These are the  
Operations which seem to be  
right to carry on for  
reducing the Rebel Colonies,  
but on considering what  
has passed, and the  
present State of America,  
and that it is most  
probable, if no Centrick

Centrick Island Operations  
are undertaken, & the British  
will not be able to raise any  
number of Men, unless, possibly  
they may be prevailed on for  
making an Attack on New York,  
or Rhode Island. I should  
not think it advisable to  
attempt the first Object our  
penetrating by Canada, the  
2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> may be pursued as  
occasions may offer, but  
the principal Operations,  
and such as seem the most  
likely for obtaining success,  
appear to be, by small  
bodies of Troops, with Ships  
of War, making Attacks  
on every part of the American  
Coast, that is available  
from

from East Florida to  
 Nova Scotia, by  
 destroying their Shipping,  
 preventing their Trade,  
 cutting off Supplies, but  
 not attempting to keep  
 possession of any Place, that  
 shall afterwards be abandoned  
 or cannot be maintained,  
 from which it would be  
 better, only, to take Hostages  
 for ensuring their good  
 Behaviour.

I wrote the above in the  
 Country, but on coming  
 to Town I communicated  
 the contents of the Papers  
 to Mr. General Robertson,  
 and desired him to  
 give me his opinion  
 fully

fully of the State of  
America and what he  
judged would be the best  
mode of carrying on the  
operations to obtain the  
desired end. it is this  
moment, only, that I have  
received Mr. General  
Robertson's Paper, which  
I enclose to your Majesty  
and I beg leave to send  
this, without writing to  
copy it fair, as I would  
not keep Your Majesty's  
Papers to a later hour.

Near Whitehall  
2<sup>d</sup> after 9. M.

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