

Ld. Stormont  
St. James's Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1779.  
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It is my Duty to transmit to Your Majesty  
the Resolution of the Cabinet from which as  
Your Majesty will see Lord Amherst dissent'd  
and gave his Reasons in writing. He did  
not disapprove the Plan proposed by  
L<sup>d</sup> George Germain which was a Plan of  
attack upon the Mosquito Shore. on the  
contrary he commended it extremely and  
rested his objection upon the single ground  
stated in the Paper he has signed.

However disagreeable it is to the best of  
Your Majesty's Confidential Servants to  
come to any Resolution upon a Military Point  
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with the weight of such an opinion against them, yet they could not hesitate upon this occasion, as they are persuaded of the propriety of the plan proposed, entertain great hopes of its success and are convinced that a more defensive war must be highly prejudicial in the end. must soon waste the strength of this country, and by exhausting all its resources in fruitless expense, lead by certain and unavoidable consequence to a very disadvantageous unequal Peace.

It was the wish of the Cabinet that I should immediately transmit the resolution to your Majesty that in case it meet with your approbation, no Time may be lost in carrying the plan into execution