

Saratoga Octo 30th 1776

Sir

From the various reports which
are circulating It is probable that
the Enemy may make an attempt to
pass the Hudson River, but
as without more certain Intelligence of
their Intentions It would be Imprudent
to move any of the troops from Tyon-
=druge I must entreat You Immediate-
=ly to dispatch at least three small
scouting parties ~~to begin~~ composed of
the best men and headed by your most
Alert Officers to the northward of the
Hudson River so far as to be about
west from Fort George and ~~then to~~
~~send at about twenty~~ most easterly
party to approach Fort George until
they meet with the north branch of
Hudsons River ^{a second} ~~the most westerly~~ to
go to the northwest Branch of the same
River and the third to range the

Country, between both, with the most strict orders
to remain three days after they arrive at their
respective Stations and upon the discovery of
any Enemy to Hutton either to open or to Lock
Edward in any Lock nearest them so as that
the Intelligence may be conveyed home without
the least Loss of Time, you will observe the
very particular in communicating the number
of the Enemy if any are discovered with the
~~probable~~ word they may be supposed to take

You will also when your first Secret has
been gone three days, dispatch another set,
and so on continually, you will find it right

to give the Secret a ^{double} Counter sign that no Accident
may happen should they be forced to meet.
Let the ^{parole} be New York and the Counter sign

Albany.

James D. T. Jr.

General Wood

The Fort

Albany City

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No 38.

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To Colo. Schenck

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