

Philad^a Jan^y. 12. 1776

Gentlemen

The Discoveries made of the Designs of our enraged Enemies fully wince not only the propriety but the absolute necessity of securing Canada to prevent our Frontiers from Desolation and Destruction.

Providence has hitherto been pleased to crown our Attempts with Sucefs. But from the Steps taken by Governor Carlton, there is reason to Apprehend, our Enemies among their first Attempts in the spring will endeavour to recover the possession of that Country as well ~~as~~ to retrieve their Honor, as to carry into Execution their execrable designs against us. Inced not mention the Consequences that would ensue, should they effect their purpose, and thereby be enabled to turn the force of that province as well as the Savages against our defenceless Frontiers.

To Counteract their Designs and prevent this Calamity the Congress have resolved to employ Nine Battallions, the present year, for the Defence of Canada. One of these is to be composod of Canadians under Colo^l Livingston, who has so eminently signalized himself in the cause of America. Two are to be composod of the Troops now serving there; an Honor due to the Merit of those brave men, to have an Opportunity of Defending a Country which their Valour has rescued from Slavery—Three are to be sent from Pensilvania & New Jersey, of which two are now under marching Orders.

The other three are to be raised to the Eastward, as you will see by the enclosed Resolutions, viz. one in your Colony—

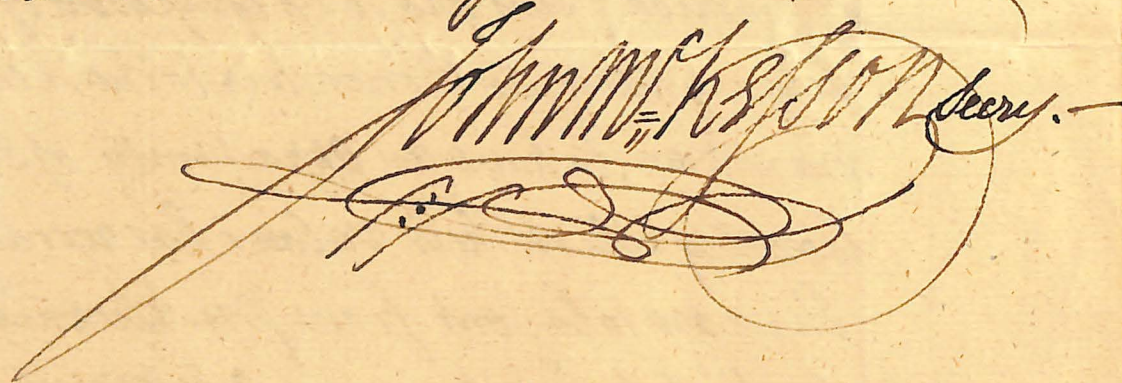
Colony, under the Command of Col^o V. Schaick, Lieut Col.
Yates and Major Gansevoort, who, as General Schuyler
informs Congress, are desirous of continuing in the
Service, one in Connecticut & one in New Hampshire.

As the Arrival of the Troops in due Time will greatly
conduce to the preservation of that Country & baffling
the designs of our Enemies; and as the month of February
which is fast approaching, is the best and indeed the
only Time before Summer of crossing the Lakes, the
Congress rely, that you will according to your usual
Zeal, exert your utmost endeavours to have the
Battalion from your Colony raised & sent forward
with all possible Expedition

I am Gentlemen your obed^t humble serv^t

John Hancock Presid^t
Convention of New York or Committee

In Committee of Safety - New York Jan^y. 24th. 1776.
The preceding is a true Copy of a Letter received this day
from ~~John Hancock~~ the Honorable John Hancock

Wm. K. S. Secy.


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Congress to the Committee
of Safety - New York.

Philadelphia, Jan^y 12. 1776. -
John Hancock, Pres^t.

