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Succession of them to you and yours in Health & Liberty
is the sincere wish of
Your obedient & able Servant
Schuyler.

No 1076 To Thomas Cushing Esq^r Speaker of the House
of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay

Albany December 30th 1776

Sir Last evening I was favored with your Letter of
the 16 Instant - Colo. Simons with part of a Regiment
from the County of Berkshire marched from hence on
Thursday last - I wish those from the County of Hamp-
shire had been immediately ordered by the nearest Rout
to Tyonderoga, instead of coming this way, as it would
have much shortened the March.

Yesterday I was advised by Letters from the commanding
Officer at Tyonderoga that the Troops now there will not
remain a Day longer than they are engaged for, except
the Pennsylvania Battalions, whom he believes will not
quit their post until regularly relieved. I cannot ascer-
tain to what Number a fourth part of the Berkshire
and an eighth of the Hampshire Militia will amount
to - I hope it will be something considerable, as we ought
not by any Means to have less than two thousand five
hundred Effectives at Tyonderoga, lest the Enemy should
make an Attempt this Winter, and carry that important
Place - I have Information that two of their Regiments
are at St John's, three at Isle aux noix, an advance party
at Isle la motte and the Remainder of their Troops in
different Quarters in Canada.

Should the Enemy leave us unmolested this Winter, I
shall hope that they will not be able to penetrate from
the Northward in Spring or Summer, provided Troops -

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Cannon and ammunition are furnished me.

By a Letter from the Honorable General Board of the 16th Instant, which I also received last Night, I find that I am to expect no Cannon from your State - There are none in this, nor can I procure any from Pennsylvania or Jersey - I am not yet advised what Connecticut can afford me, but I am confident it will be greatly short of our Wants - I therefore wish the Legislature of your State would reconsider the Matter and supply me with all the Cannon you possibly can - I must also entreat that as much powder Lead and Cartridge paper may be sent, as can be collected in your State, and as these Articles are much easier and cheaper moved in Winter than they can be at any other Time, I shall hope that they will be forwarded without Delay - The Cannon, if any are furnished might be carried directly to Lyndonaga, where the ad^d M^l General will pay the Expence of Transportation - The powder Lead and Cartridge paper to this place.

The inclosed to the New Hampshire State - contains a like application - permit me to beg the Favor of you to forward it by Express I am
with great Respect
Your most Obedt^l Servant
P. Schuyler.

P.S. The Indians appear to continue friendly to us and I have Reason to believe they will adhere to the promises of Neutrality which they have made.

I soon expect a Visit from them, they are in great Want of bleaching Blankets especially - If four or five hundred can be procured I wish them to be sent the very soonest possible.

I have been disappointed in procuring two Tons of

Steel from New Jersey, and it is an article so essentially necessary, that it cannot be dispensed with - pray be so good as to send me that Quantity, or rather three times if it is to be had.

1777 To the President of the State of New Hampshire

Mr Albany Dec. 25. 1776

I did myself the Honor to address you in a Letter of this Instant, entreating that Troops might be sent from your State to relieve the Garrison at Tyonderoga, Altho I have not had the pleasure to hear from you on the Subject, I shall yet hope that some are already march'd - I need not dwell on the Importance that Tyonderoga is of to every one of the Northern States - Should it unfortunately fall into the Enemy's Hands, the consequences would be dreadful, if not altogether fatal to the Liberties of our Country

The Situation of Affairs in Jersey & Pennsylvania leave me very little Hope to receive a Supply of Military Stores from thence - This State has none - All that Connecticut conspires will be greatly short of our Wants - I have no Encouragement from the Massachusetts Bay and I must therefore most earnestly entreat for a Supply from your State - The Number of Cannon wanted is very great - powder Lead Cannon Ball, fuzes, fuzes paper and every necessary for the Artillery is greatly deficient - I wish therefore to be furnished with all of every Kind that can possibly be collected, and as the Conveyance of these Articles in Winter to Tyonderoga is so much cheaper and easier than any other Season, I wish them to be sent immediately

The Enemy have two Regiments at St Johns three at Isle aux Noix and an advance party at Isle Ra-

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Metho, from this and a Variety of other Circumstances
I have Reason to apprehend that they meditate an
Attack, if they find our Garrison weak.

I have received a friendly Message from the Indians
- They seem determined to adhere to their Treaties with
us - I expect in a few Weeks to be visited by a
considerable party of them, when I shall be under
the Necessity of making them a present - Blankets
they always expect, and unfortunately I have not
one to give them - Let me entreat you if any are
to be had in your State to send me four or five
hundred the soonest possible - I shall order immediate
payment for them. I am Sir with great Respect
Your most obed^t hble Servant
P. Schuyler.

1776
To the Committee of Great Barrington.
Gentlemen
Albany Dec^r 30th 1776.

A Number of Canadians, who were
obliged to abandon Quebec with their Families on
account of their Attachment to the American Cause
are now in this City - I propose if you can procure
Quarters for them to send some to your County - An
allowance of nine pence lawful per Day for every
Man Woman or Child will be made for their
Subsistence - You will please to advise me by the
Return of the Courier, or sooner if possible whether you
can provide for any and what Number of these
people on the above Terms. I am &c. P. Schuyler.

1776
To Congress. Albany December 30th 1776

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That I have not been honored with the
Commands of Congress on the various Matters

mentioned in my former Letters and in a paper which I delivered to Mess^{rs} Stockton and Clymer on the 11th ultimo it most probably to be imputed to the Necessity it has been under of giving the closest Attention to the Manoeuvres of the Enemy in Jersey - This Consideration and that of the Winter being considerably advanced has induced me to proceed in making such preparations for the next Campaign as I deem absolutely necessary without waiting the Determination of Congress trusting that Congress will readily pardon any Faults as I may commit from error in Judgment.

On the 3^d Instant I addressed myself to General Ward on the Subject of Cannon and Military Stores, from the Copy of his Letter, which is enclosed, Congress will perceive that I am not likely to receive any Aid from the Massachusetts Bay - I have however since the Receipt of his Letter, which was received on the 29th Instant written by Express to the Honble Thomas Hutchinson, entreating that the Legislature of that State would reconsider the Matter and furnish what Cannon &c they can and urged the Necessity of their being sent, whilst the Earth is covered with Snow, as a great Expence in the Transportation will be saved by these Articles being carried to Tyonderoga in Winter - I have made similar Applications to Governor Trumbull and the President of New Hampshire, and I propose in a few Days to visit the Convention of this State on the same Subject, for indeed, unless a sufficient Number of Cannon and Ammunition can be procured we must inevitably lose Tyonderoga, and what the Consequences of such a Disaster will be are too evident to dwell upon.

I have consulted ten Blacksmiths Shops to be erected in

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this City and engaged Workmen to be employed in
making) interchanging Tools, axes, Stails &c. and hope
with the Assistance of the Smiths in the Vicinity to
get a sufficient Stock of these necessary Articles, pro-
vided I can any how procure a Quantity of Steel
for which I have applied to the Massachusetts Bay
but least none should be sent from thence, I must
again entreat Congress to order three Tons from
Pennsylvania or Jersey with all the Dispatch
possible.

I have ordered all the provisions that can be
procured, to be sent to Fort George, Cheshires and
Tyonderoga - I fear a Deficiency of salted Meat, of
which a sufficient Stock should be laid in, as it
would be risking too much to depend upon the
precarious Supply of fresh Beef, at a Time when the
Fortresses may be invested by the Enemy.

Forage is laying in for the winter, which it will
be necessary to employ in the Spring both at
Tyonderoga and on the Communication to it.

Directions are given for repairing the Battens
on Lake Champlain and Lake George and for
building) one hundred and fifty adapted to the
Navigation of Hudsons and the Mohawks Rivers &
Wood Creek - Should the Enemy be able to force us
from Tyonderoga it will be possible for them, altho we
keep possession of Mount Independence, to get into
Lake George, by drawing) their Battens over Land
from below Tyonderoga, for altho the Task would be
arduous, yet it is feasible, and ought to be guarded
against, I therefore propose to build five or six
flat Bottomed Vessels of considerable Force on Lake

George and shall begin to prepare the necessary Articles in the Beginning of February, unless Congress should please to direct otherwise, and about the same Time I propose to begin the necessary work of obstructing the Navigation of Lake Champlain between Tyonderoga & Mount Independence, which I hope to execute so effectually as not to leave a possibility for any kind of craft to pass whilst we keep possession of the latter place, and which I think we can do against any force whatever provided we have a sufficient Garrison, properly supplied with Cannon Ammunition and provisions.

A considerable Quantity of Cordage and Oakum is wanted - If it cannot be supplied in this State, I shall send to the Eastern ones, and so involved I must for many articles that will be wanted - I wish therefore a Resolution of Congress directing every State to comply with my Applications in whatever they can.

The Indians have sent me a friendly Message and I have great hopes that they will abide by the Neutrality they have promised to observe - a Report prevails that the Enemy have requested the Mohawks to remove into the Country beyond our Settlements, but I have Reason to believe that it is void of Foundation. I soon expect a Visit from a considerable Number of Chiefs and Warriors - They are in great distress for Blankets, unfortunately we have none here - I have applied for some to the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, and may probably receive some from thence.

The Legislature of the Massachusetts Bay have ordered one fourth of the Militia of the County of Berkshire and one eighth of that of Hampshire to

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Tyonderoga to continue three Months in Service
— part of our Regiment is marched from the former
— what the whole Number will be from both, I cannot
make a Guess at — No Troops are yet arrived here
from Connecticut, nor can I learn that any are got
to Tyonderoga from Hampshire, neither was any
part of Colo. Warner's Regiment there on the 26th —
and Colo. Wayne advises me that he has no Hopes
of any Troops remaining after the Term of their
Enlistment expires, unless it be the Pennsylvania's
who he believes will not quit the post until
regularly relieved — For three Weeks or perhaps a
Month to come we have little to fear from an
Enemy, but as after that Lake Champlain will
be passable, it is probable they will make an
Attempt, as I am well informed that they have two
Regiments at St. John's, three at Isle aux Noix and a
small Body as an advanced post on Isle la Motte
and I conjecture that they would hardly keep so
many Troops at those places, if they did not
meditate a Winter's Expedition — It is therefore of
Importance that the Garrison should be strengthened
and I have therefore repeated my former applica-
tions for Assistance to the Eastern States — Those of
Van Schaick's and Gansevoort's Regiments that are
raised are under Orders to march to Fort Edward
Fort George, Cheshire's, and Sheneboroughs, but I fear
the Garrisons of those places will have left them
before the Relief gets there, which is detained thro
Want of Blankets, which I am trying to collect
from the Inhabitants in this City & County.

The non commissioned Officers and privates of —

Colo. Nicholson's Regiment are all engaged in other Corps to serve during the War or for three Years and the Officers mentioned in the inclosed List are unprovided for - I beg the Direction of Congress with Respect to them.

Colo. Livingston has given me a List of some Officers Copy of which I inclose for the Approbation of Congress - perhaps some of Nicholson's Officers might be provided for in Livingston's.

Most of the Men in Colo. Elmore's Regiment would re-engage for the War - some have already done it; but I have inhibited the recruiting Officers of other Corps to enlist any more of the Men, as they are still to serve to the Middle of April, and that Congress may perhaps order that Regiment to be kept up, that there may not be so many Officers unprovided for.

I wish to know the pleasure of Congress on this Subject the soonest possible.

We are greatly at a Loss for Iron Rods, to make Nails out of - If I knew where to procure them I should not trouble Congress.

If any Cannon are to come from Pennsylvania as I believe there must, for I have very little prospect of getting a Supply elsewhere; I wish them to be sent whilst the Snow continues on the ground.

The pay Master General informs me that he has very little Cash left - a speedy Supply will be necessary, as such a Variety of Articles are to be purchased and so much Transportation to be paid for.

The Regimental paymasters will stand in Need of very explicit Instructions for the Rule of their conduct - I take the Liberty again to mention the Necessity of sending them very soon, lest the Accounts of the new

Army should get involved into that variety of Confusion which has attended the old - If they do not arrive soon I shall take the Liberty to do it for them in this Department.

Much as I wish to do myself the Honor to pay my Respects to Congress, yet so much is to be done here and no other general officer in the Department, that it would not be prudent for me to quit it in this Conjunction.

Colo. Pellier was so bent on going to Congress to Congress and importuned me so much on the occasion, that I consented on his promise to return before the Expiration of January - I hope he will not be permitted to tarry beyond that Time.

I perceive by the printed proceedings of Congress that several Resolutions have passed which immediately respected this Department, but which I have never received - If they have been sent, I wish you to advise me by whom - They are those mentioned in the inclosed Abstract.

Jan^y 1st. 1777. Last evening I was informed that amongst the Letters lately intercepted by the Enemy was one from Colonel Trumbull, the Commissary General in which he insinuated that I had secreted his Brother Colo. John Trumbull's Commissions as Deputy Adjutant General - If it be true that he has asserted such a Thing, I shall expect from Congress that Justice which is due to me. The Commissions was never sent, at least never received by me, and if it had been is there the least probability that I would secrete it, after having recommended Colo. John Trumbull to the Office as an active discreet and

sensible officer - that gentlemen and his brother, the
young Master General both knew, and I dare say will do
me the Justice to avow that I wished to have them employ-
ed in a Department equally honorable and much more
important and that I would have recommended him
to Congress, if he had chosen it.

000 I have ordered the Director of the Hospital to lay in
a sufficient Quantity of Medicines and necessary Stores
for the Hospital, he will find it extremely difficult to
procure them, I therefore wish, if possible, that some may
be sent from Philadelphia.

Be pleased to accept the Compliments of the Season
and may every succeeding one bring with it an Increase
of Happiness to America is my first Wish.

As I do not chuse to risk this Letter by the common
Carriages I have thought it necessary to send an Officer
and Capt. Bloomfield a very deserving one of Colonel
Dumtons Regiment is the Bearer of this. I am Sir with
great Respect & Esteem

Your most obed^t. Servant
Schuyler

N^o. 1000 To Lieut. M^r. Donald of the 60th British Regiment
Albany Dec^r. 21st. 1776

I have always endeavored to render the calamities of
incident to such an unhappy contest as Britain and
America are involved in the least possible - Every humane
Action is a virtuous one and consequently attended with
its own Reward - I am however not insensible to the
Pleasure I feel from your grateful Expressions - You was
made a prisoner by the civil power of the City or
County - It is therefore not in my power without their
Consent to consider you as under my Direction - You will
however in case of any Difficulty apply to me and
whatever Favors I can grant

you shall always experience I am &c. Schuyler

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To the Committee of the City & County of Albany
Gentlemen Albany Jan^y 2. 1777.

I do myself the pleasure to inclose you
copy) of a Letter from General Clinton announcing
a very capital Advantage gained over the Enemy
by his Excellency General Washington, an Event
on which I most sincerely congratulate you, and
which whilst it must give the sincerest Satisfaction
to every honest American calls for our warmest
Gratitude to the divine Majesty, in whose Disposal
are all the Empires of the Earth.

Permit me to present you with the Compliments
of the Season - May Heaven graciously be pleased
to give an Increase of Happiness with every
succeeding Season to us and our posterity until
I am shall be no more. I am Gent. with
unfeigned Respect &c. Schuyler.

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To Congress. Albany Jan^y 3. 1777.

Sir Capt. Marquisio has delivered me the inclosed
Memorial and entreated me to transmit it to
Congress.

As many Officers are left out in the new
Arrangement of the Army, and as it is not in
my power to dismiss them, they consider themselves
in pray) and I think from the Tenor of their
Commissions they will be entitled to it, until the
Commissions are revoked by Congress.

We have just received an account of the glorious
Success of General Washington - An Event on which
I do most sincerely congratulate Congress, wishing that

it may be followed by other Supplies equally 42.
important.

pray let the Money be sent up the very soonest
possible. Warm &c. P. Schuyler.

N^o. 1003. To the Honble Philip Livingston Esq^r.

Sir

Albany Jan^y 6. 1776.

M^r Stringer informs me that a large Assort-
ment of Medicines are arrived in one of the Eastern
Harbours consigned to you on account of the States - As
it is probable that we shall want a considerable
Quantity of them for the Hospital in this Department
- permit me to beg the Favor of you to furnish
M^r Stringer with Directions to enable him to procure
such as he may deem necessary. I am Sir &c

P. Schuyler.

N^o. 1004. To General George Clinton.

Dear General.

Albany Jan^y 5. 1777.

I return you a thousand Thanks for
your Favor of the 29th Ult. - The glorious Victory is
announced has much revived the Spirits of my
Countrymen - May Heaven grant a Continuation
of Success to our Arms.

I am closely engaged in preparations for next
Campaign and shall hope that if we can be
furnished with Men Cannon and Ammunition that
the Enemy will not be able to penetrate by the North
and if the intended Obstruction in Hudsons River
is effectually made, they will have very little
prospect of advancing farther into this State by the
South.

I propose paying my Respects to the Convention
some Time next week, where I should be extremely
happy to find you. I am dear Sir &c. P. Schuyler.

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To Congress.

Albany Jan. 9th 1777

Enclose you copy of a Letter, I have just received from Mr. Kirkland - I make not the least doubt, - but that every art will be made use of by the Enemy to induce the Indians to make War upon us and as they have it in their power to furnish them with every necessary; it is probable that they will prevail upon the more remote ones to fall upon us - Those that are firmly attached to us are in great want of every necessary. - My House is daily crowded with them and I have next to nothing wherewith to relieve their Distress.

Altho' Genl. Wayne hopes that the Pennsylvania's will not leave him before they are regularly relieved I fear he will be mistaken and so very destitute of Troops are we in this Quarter that if General Carlton makes an attempt, he will not only succeed in taking Tyonderoga this Winter, but may if he pleases in five Weeks from the Date of this Letter be at Albany.

I have written to Mr. Deane the Interpreter to repair to Fort Schuyler, but he complains that the Salary is very inadequate, as well as Mr. Kirkland and a very useful Man & Mr. Spencer, who is the Character of a Blacksmith amongst the Indians also wishes to have some Addition to his pay, I believe their Complaints are well founded.

I am this Moment going to the Convention of this State to try if I can get more Assistance from them. I wish to have the Assistance of a General Officer or two - I am alone distracted with a Variety of Affairs and no one to take part of the burthen &c.