

My dear Sir,



We have just received advice from New-York through different channels that the enemy are making an embarkation ~~at~~ with which they menace the French fleet and army. Fifty transports are said to have ~~proceeded~~ gone up the Sound to take in troops and proceed directly to Rhode Island.

The Genl is absent and may not return before evening. Though this may be only a demonstration, yet as it may be serious, I think it best to forward it without waiting the General's return.

We have different accounts from New-York of an action in the lower Indies, in which the English lost several ships. I am inclined to credit them

Yours
21 July 1780
2 o'clock P.M.

I am &c
A. Hamilton
aide de camp.

M^{rs} G^{en}
Marguif la Fayette

21 July 1790
from Col.
Hamilton to
the Marquis
La Fayette.
N^o 4086 B. XIII. 2.

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