

**Philip J. Schuyler to George Washington, July 1, 1775,
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FROM GENERAL PHILIP SCHUYLER. ¹

Saturday July 1st. 1775.

SIR

I do myself the Honor to advise your Excellency that the Connecticut Troops, that arrived in this Colony under the Command of Brigadier Wooster are encamped within two Miles of this Town, — I have not yet had a Return of their Numbers as soon as my Order for that Purpose is complied with I shall transmit it.

Inclose You Sir a Copy of the Resolutions of the Hono: the Continental Congress of the 27th. inst I shall prepare with all possible Dispatch to carry into Execution their Views and propose leaving this for Albany in my Way to Ticonderoga on Monday next.²

Eight Transports with Troops, that have been at Sandy Hook since Thursday last are to sail from thence to Day, Reports prevail that the Men on Board have mutinied, that they refused to go to Boston, of this however I have not been able to get any Certainty, Hand Bills have been introduced amongst them to encourage them to quit on the first favorable Opportunity a Service which must render them odious to all honest Men.

Governor Tryon's Conduct has hitherto been unexceptionable, and from the Information I have been able to procure, some of which I put great Confidence in, I have reason to

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believe that the Line he has chalked out for himself is such as we would wish he should hold.³

I believe the Commissions for this Department were already forwarded to You before my Letter (In Obedience to Your Order) to the Congress on that Subject arrived, If they are to be sent back, I beg of You to Order them to be directed to the President of the Provincial Convention here. —

No Preparation has as yet been made to occupy a Post in the Highlands, by what I can learn the Provincial Convention have Doubts about the Propriety (which they have or mean to state to Congress) arising from the Want of Ammunition, to maintain the Post after it shall be completed.

A Ship from London in five Weeks advises that the Remonstrance sent by the Assembly of this Colony to the House of Commons has been rejected by them as containing Sentiments derogatory to the Rights of Parliament: This Manoeuvre has already had Salutary Effects, many whose Sentiments are friendly to America, but who differed as to the Mode of procuring Redress, now publickly declare that they will no longer sit idle Spectators of their Country's Wrongs. — That Success and Happiness equal to the Merit & Virtue of my General may crown all his Operations is the Wish of every honest American by none more sincerely than me,

I am Your Excellency's Most Obedt. & Most Hume. Servt. PH: SCHUYLER

¹ Born in Albany, N. Y., November 22, 1733; died there November 18, 1804.

² IN CONGRESS JUNE 27TH. 1775. Resolved, That Major General Schuyler be directed to repair as soon as conveniently he can to the Posts of Ticonderoga and Crown Point to examine into the State thereof and of the Troops now stationed there and how they are supplied with Provision & Necessaries stores — into the State also of the Sloop & other Navigation on the Lakes — also to obtain the best Intelligence he can of the Disposition of the Canadians and Indians of Canada — that he confer with Colo: Hinman & Colo. Arnold on the Subject of Colo. Arnolds Letter to this Congress and report as soon as possible the State of the whole as near as it can be ascertained to this Congress, And that he give Orders for the Necessary Preparation of Boats and Stores for Securing, to the United Colonies the Command of those Waters adjacent to Crown Point and Ticonderoga. Resolved, That as Governor Carlton is making Preparations to invade these Colonies & is instigating the Indian Nations to take up the Hatchet against them. Major General Schuyler do his utmost

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Power to destroy or take all Vessels Boats or Floating Batteries preparing by said Governor or by his Order on or near the Waters of the Lakes. Resolved, That if General Schuyler finds it practicable and that it will not be disagreeable to the Canadians, he do immediately take Possession of St. John's Montreal and pursue any other Measures in Canada, which may have a Tendency to promote the Peace & Security of these Colonies. Resolved, That if General Schuyler shall have Occasion for a larger Quantity of ready Money & Ammunition for Carrying on such Expedition, than he can in Convenient Time procure from the Provincial Convention of the Colony of New York, he do in such Case apply to the Governor of Connecticut for such Supplies as can be furnished by that Colony; and that Govr. Trumbull be desired to furnish such Supplies and that this Congress will make Provision for reimbursing the same. A true Copy from the Minutes CHAS. THOMSON Secy.

3 "Keep a watchful eye upon Governor Tryon, and, if you find him directly or indirectly attempting any measures inimical to the common cause, use every means in your power to frustrate his designs." — Washington to General Schuyler, June 25, 1775.