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To COLONEL EDMOND PHINNEY¹

Cambridge, November 6, 1775.

Sir: Having received a Letter from Mr Enoch Moody, Chairman of the Committee of Falmouth, that the Inhabitants of that Town are greatly alarmed by the Arrival of the Cerberus Man of War, and are under great Apprehension that some of the King's Troops will be landed there. It is my Desire that you raise all the Force you can, and give the Town every Assistance in your Power. The Difficulty of removing Troops after they have made a Lodgment or got Possession of a Place, is too obvious to be mentioned. You will, therefore, use every possible Method to prevent their effecting that, or penetrating into the Country, until you have farther Orders. I am, Sir, etc.

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