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To BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM MAXWELL

Fishkill, October 2, 1778.

Sir: I am favd. with yours of the 29th. Sept. Lord Stirling who is now in Jersey, and has the general command of the troops there, will be a better judge than I am of the necessary and proper disposition to be made. You will therefore implicitly obey him, and either remain where you are at present with your whole Brigade, or detatch such a part of it as His Lordship may direct. He mentions the necessity of two Regs. at least at Aquaquenunk Bridge to encourage and support the Militia. I am, etc.

P.S. direct Maj: Howell to be very vigilant in watching the Motions of the enemy's fleet and expeditious in communicating his intelligence.¹

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