

It was necessary that the army should pass the Lakes, and there were sufficient objects for its employment without proceeding to Albany. The total destruction of the rebel force on the Lakes, and the reduction of Ticonderoga, the key to the communication between Canada and New England, were necessary to preserve Canada from insults.

The reducing Fort George, Fort Edward, Fort Stanwix, and the adjacent country, were momentous objects, and must be as efficacious towards quelling the rebellion, as any expedition by sea. Besides, the service necessary to be performed for the security of Canada, would require so much time as not to admit of your returning to Quebec, and embarking with any prospect of effecting much in that campaign. Therefore that latitude was altogether unnecessary, and had it been given, would have answered no purpose.

Let us now examine your proposal of an expedition by the Connecticut. In the first place, this proposal rested intirely on the
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