

for his expedition, and secured to him every assistance which it is in your power to afford and procure, you are to give him orders to pass Lake Champlain, and from thence, by the most vigorous exertion of the force under his command, to proceed with all expedition to Albany, and put himself under the command of Sir William Howe."

"It is the King's further pleasure, that you put under the command of Lieut. Col. St. Leger detachment, &c. together with a sufficient number of Canadians and Indians; and after having furnished him with proper artillery, stores, provisions, and every other necessary article for his expedition, and secured to him every assistance in your power to afford and procure, you are to give him orders to proceed forthwith to and down the Mohawk river to Albany, *and put himself under the command of Sir William Howe.*"

"I shall write to Sir William Howe by the first packet; but you will nevertheless endeavour to give him the earliest intelligence of this measure, and also direct Lieut. Col. St. Leger