

whole army, to carry it into execution, is a mode of reasoning that I cannot see the force of.

The peremptoriness of your orders seems to be your principal fort. There, whenever you are pressed, you fly for sanctuary. This therefore deserves particular attention.

Your orders are comprised in the letter from the Secretary of State to Sir Guy Carleton. The material clauses of which are these:

“With a view of quelling the rebellion as soon as possible, it is become highly necessary that the most *speedy junction of the two armies should be effected, &c.*”

“It is his Majesty’s pleasure that you put under the command of Lieut. Gen. Burgoyne, the grenadiers and light infantry, &c. together with as many Canadians and Indians as may be thought necessary for this service; and after having furnished him, in the fullest and completest manner, with artillery, stores, provisions, and every other article necessary
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