

“ If the next packet does not satisfy me in  
—— I shall probably retire and leave the  
command to Lord Cornwallis; to whom it  
will be my advice to try the only experiment  
that in my opinion can operate, if the one in  
Carolina has failed. For as to Virginia, I  
know none which can reduce that province in  
one campaign.

“ As you seemed to think, before you re-  
ceived Lord Cornwallis's letter that all direct  
operation in favour of his Lordship would  
cease by the end of May, &c. pray let me  
receive General Arnold's, and your opinion  
as soon as possible; I confess, I am not fan-  
guine, but if the experiment can be tried with-  
out any other risk than from the enemy's su-  
periority at sea I should wish to do it.

“ Should Lord Cornwallis determine on  
a defensive in the Carolinas, he surely cannot  
want any of the European reinforcement, and  
will of course, send it to you, and all such  
other as shall arrive; thus reinforced, if after