

“ 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 seem'd 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.

“ Sould 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