

principle of the army at Rhode Island being strong enough to co-operate, which was by no means the case, and therefore it was altogether inadmissible. In the next place, supposing a co-operation, it was by far the most arduous and dangerous of the two proposals, because it required land-carriage for upwards of sixty miles on the outset, through a mountainous country, that abounded with dangerous defiles. Add to this, that when you should have reached the Connecticut, you could have had no water-carriage, unless the craft had been carried with you in your progress from the Lake; and when the delays occasioned by the short carrying-places, on the route to Albany, are considered, it shews that this idea was utterly impracticable, and therefore wisely rejected by administration. In the original plan, you mention it as the most difficult of the two proposals, and yet, in your state of the expedition, suggest that it was an expedient of *precaution*, and complain of not being at liberty to avail yourself of it. I venture to affirm, that had the proposed latitudes been given you, at no one period of the campaign would you have seriously