

July 25. "No man, my Lord, laments more sincerely than I do, the long continuance of the westerly winds, which prevented the sailing of the Warwick's convoy ; and I hope your Lordship will pardon me for again repeating, that had the reinforcement failed as early as was promised, and the three battalions not been detained in the West Indies, I should perhaps by this time have made such movements as would have obliged the enemy to be apprehensive for their own possessions, instead of meditating the attack which they now threaten against this post."

August 9. "I am entirely of your Lordship's sentiments with respect to Lord Cornwallis having done as much in North Carolina as could have been effected with his force. But I have to lament the causes which reduced it so low in number ; and that his Lordship was induced to persist in his plan, after it became obvious that he was not able to establish

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