

*Inclosed in the above letter the following extracts from Sir Henry Clinton's letters to Major General Phillips.*

*April 26, 1781.*

“ Lord Cornwallis's arrival at Wilmington has considerably changed the complexion of our affairs to the southward ; and all operations to the northward must probably give place to those in favour of his Lordship, which at present appear to require our more immediate attention. I know nothing of his Lordship's situation, but what I have learnt from his letter to me of the 10th, which you have read. I had great hopes, before I received this letter that his Lordship would have been in a condition to spare me a considerable part of his army from Carolina for the operations in Chesapeake ; but you will observe from it, that instead of sending any part of his present force thither, he proposes to detain a part of the reinforcement coming from Europe for his more southern operations, even though they should be defensive. I shall

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