

which there are so many opinions, my end will be fully answered, and they will, perhaps, be then convinced, that if any positive fixed general system could be adopted, that of contract, which was established by my predecessor, Sir William Howe, and continued during my command, was the best under the probable duration of offensive war, in which secrecy and celerity of operation demands that the public stores and warlike depots of every kind should be amply provided, and ever ready at an instant to answer the call of the commander in chief.

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