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forcement from Europe — from the West-
 Indies — and from the Southward (after ope-
 ration should cease in that quarter) — added
 to what I might be able to spare at the time
 from the small force under my immediate
 command at New-York) was calculated to
 make a fair and solid effort in favour of our
 friends — in a district where I had some rea-
 son to believe they were numerous and
 hearty; and where I judged it might be made
 with little danger, even from a temporary
 naval superiority of the enemy. This plan
 had been suggested to the Minister in the
 year 1780, and more particularly ex-
 plained to him in 1781; notwithstanding
 which a preference was given to another,
 (Appendix, No. I.) which seemed to be

forced
 may probably prove the glorious period to your command
 in America, by putting an end to the rebellion." —
 Letter from Major-general Phillips to Sir H. Clinton,
 Portsmouth, Virginia, April 16, 1781.