of the Case, which was the most eligible as it tended to prevent the Invasion as well as to render it abortive, and which had been adopted in similar Instances without Objection or Complaint.

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The Intelligence since received by Congress of the Designs of the Enemy has been so far from rendering the first Plan inexpedient or unnecessary, that it has determined them to give it greater Promptitude & Efficacy by their Resolution of the 23d Instant, of which a Copy is enclosed. The Extent & Strictness of its Execution, as well as of the preceding Act, must no Doubt be governed by Circumstances, and by the Discretion of the Executives & the Board of War.

Whatever Respect may be paid to these Recommendations, or whatever may be the Event, Congress will have done their Duty.

Your Determination to exert yourselves to the utmost for your Defence, and your Confidence in the Bravery & Affection of your Citizens afford Congress the highest Satisfaction, and they persuade themselves that a Reconsideration of the Steps taken for removing from the Reach of Invaders, the superfluous Provision & Forage will

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