

Your Excellency of my most cordial concurrence in
every measure that can be conducted to the good of
His Majesty's Service, that Admiral Griffiths will have
my directions to second your views to the utmost
of his power, and I hope to be able to make a very
considerable diversion in the Chesapeake Bay, to draw
off in part the Enemy's Efforts against Canada.
It is my intention to fortify one of the Islands in
the Chesapeake to facilitate the ascension of the Negroes,
and their Families, who are to have their choice of
either entering into His Majesty's Service, or to be
settled with their Families at Trinidad or in the
British American Provinces - Recruiting Parties are
to be sent from all the West India Regiments to
Barbados, and those who may choose to enlist, are to
have their Wives and Families provided for in the same
manner, as those permitted to attend the Regiments abroad,
by which it is hoped in a certain time the Regiments
will furnish their own Recruits - As two additional
Battalions of Marines are on their way out, with the
Recruits I expect to raise from the Negroes joined to
the 112 Regt all of which will be under the immediate
Command of Major General Broun, I hope to be able to
keep the Enemy in a constant alarm, so as to
prevent their sparing any part of their Military force
from the State South of the Delaware, which if I succeed
in, has all believe from the temples of the Eastern States
that they will be able to recruit their Army from thence.

Yr Excellency

To Your Excellency

General of Canada

I have the honor to remain Sir

(Signed) A. Hochstetler

W. H. A. Broun

11th March 1776

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your
Excellency that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty
have approved to me, that they have given directions

By Edw. 20th March 1776

To
The