

with enclose for you ²⁹

28 The enclosed is enclosed from Major Lee
 the other Day. It is to forward it,
 for the consideration of your Excellency &
 the Council - being well assured that you
 will do all in your power to relieve the
 necessities of these soldiers - There who
 are in - They are scarce - We have ap-
 plied to the Board of Trade & find nothing
 can be done here - On the 23rd inst an
 embarkation took place at New York,
 & from the number of vessels some hundred
 sixty three, we apprehend it to be
 very considerable - their Destination not

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is generally known, but from circumstances
 we fear they are intended, in part or
 the whole, to reinforce their Troops
 in the southern Quarter - We are with
 the highest Sentiments of Respect -

Yr Excellency

made at N York, the

Philadelphia Dec. 29th 1779

James Forbes