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Newport 11 March 1781

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I do my Self the honor to inform your Excellency That I arrived here on the 6th in Consequence of previous Arrangements between the Count de Rochambeau & my Self, I found between Eleven & twelve hundred of the French Grenadeers And Infantry allready embarked & the fleet nearly ready to Sail They however did not put to Sea untill the Evening of the 8th

By advice from New London the British Which was in Gardiners Bay did the Same Yesterday Morning With their whole force, they gave Out they were bound for Chesapeake

I have the Honour to be with the Greatest Respect Your Excellencys Most Obe. Humble Servt

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