PARIS, MAY 18, 1778.

GENTLEMEN,

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CERTAIN Intelligence having been received, that eleven Britiſh Ships of War, viz. One of 90 Guns, nine of 74, and one of 64 Guns, are in the Road of St. Hellens, near Portſmouth, bound for North-America, and the United States being in Alliance with France, you are requeſted, as ſpeedily as poſſible, to convey this Information to the Commanders of any French Fleet, or Ships of War in America, by ſending them this Letter, and alſo to publiſh the Contents of it in all the Continental News-Papers.

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

We have the Honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your moſt obedient humble Servants,

B. FRANKLIN,

JOHN ADAMS.

To the Governor, or any Counſellor, or Senator, or Member of any Houſe of Repreſentatives, in any of the Thirteen United States of America.

Read in Congreſs, July 8, 1778,

And ordered to be publiſhed:

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.