Dear Sir,

I received your two favors both of the 17th Instant with a general return of the troops under your command. I am soon to find the States so backward in reinforcing you, and considering your weakness in forces, and the enemies strength on Rhode Island, their

mishap is somewhat remarkable.

If Gen. Clark has accepted of the appointment of Congress I can have no objection to the complying with your request. Should you know this to be the case I have enclosed a letter directing him to join you immediately which upon you will be pleased to forward.

All our late information from Philadelphia concurs in producing a belief that the enemy mean to evacuate the City.

We hear also from New-York that a

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A number of houses are taken up for the refuge and officers from Philadelphia. This would seem to point to New-York, at least as a place of general rendezvous. But from the information yet acquired it is difficult to conjecture rightly where they mean to open the campaign, whether in America or the West Indies.

With respect, I am
been led, your most obedient and very humble

G. Washington

Majr Gen Sullivan
The Honorable
Major General Sullivan
E. Washington, Providence

16th of May, 1776
By the Commissioners