

representation with which our News-papers are stuffed. I shall only add for the present, that I hope we shall all find some Bridge at last to head us back to our old good Humour & Prosperity, but we have a rough Road to go over before we can arrive at it: Believe me ever very affectionately yours.

W<sup>m</sup> Eden :

Virginia  
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[Lord G. Germain to Eden.]

Whitehall 22<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1775

To Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup>

Deputy Governor of Maryland

Sir. It was not till the 27<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> that your dispatch to Lord Dartmouth of the 27<sup>th</sup> of August was received here, when I had the honor of laying it before the King; & I have it in command from his majesty to express to you his majestys approbation of your Zeal for the Public Service & of the unalterable attachment you have shewn to his person and Government from the first commencement of the present unhappy Disputes, which have involved his majesty's faithful servants in the Colonies in Difficulties & Distress that are only to be equalled, by the Fortitude with which they are borne.

Your letter contains a great deal of very useful information, & your Confidential Communication of the character of Individuals more especially of such as come over into England is of great advantage; And you may rest assured, that every possible precaution will be used that no part of your letter shall transpire.

An armament consisting of seven Regiments & a Fleet of Frigates & small ships is now in readiness to proceed to the Southern Colonies in order to attempt the Restoration of legal Government in that part of America. It will proceed in the first place to North Carolina & from thence either to South Carolina or Virginia, as circumstances of greater or less advantage shall point out;—if to the latter it may have very important consequences to the Colony under your Government & therefore you will do well to consider of every means by which you may in conjunction with Lord Dunmore give Facility & assistance to its Operations.

I am Sir, yr. most obed<sup>t</sup> hum. serv<sup>t</sup> Geo. Germain.  
Copy J. Pendleton C. C. Safety of Virginia

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Sir, The King being determined in concurrence with his