

March 20 George Town. I have reason to be assured, that M^r Stephen Steward has a quantity of salt pork at Nottingham and Magruders—probably he may have engaged it for Publick use, if not, I shall be glad to receive your instructions respecting it—as M^r Steward is a Builder of Vessells I was doubtfull with respect to the propriety of the seizure. I am extremely anxious to hear from you upon these matters and beg you will not omit the first opportunity.

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[Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

I write this from the presidents who is this moment sending of an express with intelligence from Gen^l Washington of the sailing of the French fleet from Newport on the Evg of the 8th Instant & of the sailing of the British from Gardiner Bay on the morning of the 10th. underneath is a list of the two fleets as I have been informed. We are anxiously expecting intelligence from the Southward.

State of the French Fleet	Guns	British	Guns	
Le Duc de Burgoyne	80	London	90	
Le Neptune	74	Royal Oak	74	
Le Conquerant	74	Bedford	74	Note A
Le Eveille	64	America	64	B.
Le Jason	64	Europe	64	
Le Ardent	64	Purdent	64	
Le Province	64	Adamant	50	
Le Fantasque [c]	64		—	
	—		480	
	548	difference	68	Guns
	—		—	
Frigates	Guns		548	
Romulus	44		—	
La Survillante	32	Frigates		
La Gentile	32	Guadalope	28	
La Hermione	32	difference	112	& 14
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	140		140	14
La Guepe Cutter	14		—	—
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Note A the Bedford supposed to be refitted

B The America had returned to Gardiners Bay before the British Sailed

C did not sail being an old Hospital ship

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[Daniel Carroll, Philadelphia, to Gov. Lee.]

I did myself the honor of writing to y^r Excellency a few times by express the 16th Instant, & inclosed a List of the force of the two fleets which lately saild from New Port & Gardiners Bay. One of