

of the separate Squadrons I have mentioned, should be insisted
ed to prevent all Commerce between the Colonies within their
respective Stations of any other Places, than Great-Britain,
Ireland, or his Majesty's Islands in the West-Indies;
That they should receive on Board and give Protection to
any Officers of the Crown, who may be compelled by the
Violence of the People to seek for such an Asylum, and
to proceed, as in Case of a Town in actual Rebellion, against
such of the Sea-Port-Towns, being accessible to the King's
Ships, as shall hereafter offer any Violence to the King's
Officers, or in which any Troop shall be raised, or military
Works erected, other than by his Majesty's Authority,
or any Attempt made to seize or plunder any public
Magazine of Arms or Ammunition.

With Regard to the Plan of Operations
to be adopted by General Gage, it must depend upon
his own Judgment, and the Opinions of the able Generals
with him; I have only to add that it is his Majesty's

(as above)