General Thomas Gage to William Legge, Lord Dartmouth, December 15, 1774

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My Lord, Sir Joseph Yorke's[2] Letter to the Earl of Suffolk, a Copy of which was inclosed with other Papers of Intelligence in Your Lordship's to be marked secret and Confidential of the 19th of October, confirms the Reports spread here, of People sending to Europe for all kinds of Military Stores. I hope this Intelligence is received in time to give a Chance of intercepting the Brigantine from Rhode Island with the 40 small Pieces of Ordnance on Board. Admiral [Samuel] Graves sent an Express immediately to order the Captain of the *Rose* Man of War at Rhode Island to look out for her, and the *Scarborough* is sailed with like Orders to the Commanders of the Kings Vessels on other Stations.

The twelve Field Pieces which we heard had been shipped in London for this Province, we have since been informed were not put on Board.

I have the honour to be with great Regard, Respect and Esteem My Lord [&c.]

Tho^{s} Gage

Right Honble Earl of Dartmouth, One of His Majtys principal Sectys of State

1. PRO, Colonial Office, Class 5/92, LC Transcript.

2. British Ambassador to The Hague.

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