Dear Sir: The Enemy are advancing, and have got as far as Woodbridge and Amboy, and from information not to be doubted, mean to push to Philadelphia. The force I have with me, is infinitely inferior in Number and such as cannot give or promise the least successful Opposition. ...Your route nor the place to join me I cannot particularize. In these instances you must be governed by Circumstances, and the Intelligence you receive...

G. Washington
Brunswick, December 1, 1776.