



By HIS EXCELLENCY
Sir William Howe, K. B.

General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces within the Colonies laying on the Atlantic Ocean, from Nova Scotia to West-Florida, inclusive, &c. &c.

Let it be known many subjects in diverse parts of these colonies, misled by dangerous and ill designing men, and forgetting the Allegiance they owe to the Power that has protected and sustained them, namely our Sovereign Lord, KING GEORGE the Third, may be so vile as to interfere with the operations of His Majesty's army, its manoeuvres, &c. &c.

In obedience to his Majesty's orders, British troops have taken possession of the rebel capitol of Philadelphia and its surrounding counties. Any attempt by traitorous citizens to harm or otherwise hinder the operations of His Majesty's army will result in immediate imprisonment or death. All citizens are reminded to pay obedience to the Laws of their Country and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand at Head Quarters, the Tenth Day of October,
in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and
Seventy-Seven.

W. HOWE

By his Excellency's Command,
JOHN SMITH, Secretary