

Trenton 23^d March 1777

Sir

In answer to yours of this days date, I think
it would at present be best to march with all Expedi-
-tion to Haddonfield, & join the militia under
Ellis. The Enemy are at present at Salem, to the num-
ber I suppose of 1200 - a considerable body of our
Militia are ordered from Haddon & Superior, & Capt
Allen with his Artillery will I hope march this afternoon
and Col^o Ellis has been directed to order two claps
from the militia of Burlington Gloucester Salem and
Camden, so that in a few days you will I hope have
a respectable body to fighten away the Enemy, I mean both
upon together, because I believe the Enemy are as
much terrified at our militia as they are at your
Troops, without any disparagement to the best Troops.
I have already written to General Washington on the
state of Affairs below; and if he can spare a Brigade
& see it necessary, he will doubtless order them over
I am

Yours most humble
W^m Livingston

Mr. Spauldine

To
Col^l. Israel Threave
At Burlington

Trenton 23^d March 1794
Governor Livingston
