

*Extract of a Letter from the Committee in Fairfield,
Connecticut, to the Committee of New-York.*

“ As it is imagined your City will be next Visited,
we have withheld our Men from going to the East-
ward, and are in high Spirits to come and assist you.”
Extract of a Letter from Boston, dated Thursday,
April 19, 1775, (we presume it should have been
dated the 20th) to a Merchant in this City.

“ What I was apprehensive of in my last, is now
confirmed. Yesterday morning the Grenadiers and
Light Infantry of all the regiments in town marched
out very unexpectedly, and proceeded to Concord,
21 miles from hence; at which place the Provincial
Congress sat, and where large magazines, belonging
to the country were collected, which were totally de-
stroyed. This party consisted of about eight hun-
dred men, under the command of Lieut. Colonel
Smith, of the 10th regiment; about six hours after
those left Boston, a brigade was ordered out, consist-
ing of a thousand men, commanded by Lord Percy :
These marched about sixteen miles, to a place called
Lexington, where they met the first party returning,
and who in their first march up, had killed eight or
ten men that opposed their march. Upon the army's
return, near Lexington, they were fired on from the
woods, which was returned. Thus the engagement
became general, and continued for seven hours, du-
ring which several lives were lost, and a great many
wounded.---It is surprizing how soon the country
people mustered, and in vast numbers; so much that
the troops were obliged to retreat near twelve miles,
---and all this way a constant firing was kept up on
both sides; the country people fired all from cover,
and, and by this means, had much the advantage of
the troops.---The engagement lasted until night put

an end to it.---I saw a great part of it from Beacon-Hill. They kept a constant firing until they got into Charlestown. The loss on the part of the troops, from the best information, is about two hundred killed; among which there are no officers, though many very much wounded.---Lieut. Col. Barnard, of the Royal Welch, Lieut. Col. Smith, of the tenth, are slightly wounded;---Lieut. Gould, of the fourth regiment, is also wounded. Major Moncrieffe, Capt. Parson, and Mr. Haines, are safe returned.---The loss on the side of the country must be considerable; at present there is no coming to any certainty.---From the preparations that are making, I think it will be soon renewed."

The following Publication under the initial Letters of my Name, having appeared in an English Paper of the 27th of January, I take this Opportunity to declare that it is altogether a malicious Forgery, calculated to inflame the Minds of my Countrymen, and expose me to undeserved Suspicion and Distrust.

April 29, 1775. OLIVER DE LANCEY.