

Source & Location	Time Message Received	Essentials of Message	Action Taken
Col Hazen at Jone's (Painter's Ford)	11:00AM	Large body of British marching northward on Great Valley Road	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Washington orders Col Bland to send an officer and party to find out the truth 2. Washington orders divisions of Stephen and Stirling to move toward Birmingham
Lt Col Ross on/near Great Valley Road	11:25AM	5,000 British with 16-18 cannon marching on road toward Trimble's, Taylor's, or Jeffrie's fords.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Washington prepares to attack Howe across Brandywine with divisions of Sullivan and Greene 2. Armstrong ordered to envelop British right flank from Pyle's Ford 3. Maxwell to probe enemy across Brandywine 4. Stephen and Stirling to move on Birmingham to protect American right flank
Gen Sullivan at Brinton's Ford	1:30PM	"One of the militia told me he had gone from Martin's to Welch's Tavern and had seen no enemy and heard nothing of enemy above forks of the Brandywine." So Col. Hazen's information must be false	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Washington cancels all orders for an attack across the Brandywine 2. Instead, prepares to defend against an attack from the west (frontal attack)
Squire Cheyney at Washington's headquarters		British army is on the east side of the Brandywine and moving southward. Washington's army will be surrounded if he does not act at once	Washington is incredulous and perhaps confused by Cheyney's report. He does however, consider verifying Cheyney's information, in person if necessary
Col Bland (location at time unknown)	2:10PM	To Gen Sullivan: I have discovered a "Party of the Enemy" in vicinity of Birmingham (near houses of the widow Davis)	Gen Sullivan encloses this message of Col Bland's with his own to Washington (see below)
Gen Sullivan at Brinton's Ford	2:10PM	To Gen Washington: Col Bland has just sent me word that the enemy, estimated to be at least two brigades in strength, is in my right rear and advancing, Col Bland also observed a dust cloud rising for about an hour	<p>Washington concludes that the reports of Hazen and Ross had been accurate. He gives the following orders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sullivan to resume command of the right wing and move it, in it's entirety, to Birmingham, in which vicinity he will oppose the British threat to the army's right rear 2. Wayne's brigade, reinforced by Maxwell, supported by artillery, to defend against an attack across the Brandywine 3. Greene's division to constitute the army reserve, prepared to support either Wayne or Sullivan on order.