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it in that Light, or they would never have framed it in that Manner, nor had they considered that Right of the King of commanding his Subjects in Arms, which is a Right undisputed every where, or they would never have disputed the Power of his Commission, to have marched the Troops, raised by them for the Defence of his Dominions, even out your Province, which I do not understand I have done with Regard to them, which was to Fort Cumberland, from the best Accounts I have been able to procure; but that does not come to be the Question; for if they will consider what has happened in almost all the other Provinces, they will find, they are single in the Opinion of the King's Power of Marching the Provincial Troops into other Provinces.

At the Meeting at Philadelphia, it was settled last Spring, that South Carolina was in Danger of a more powerful Invasion from the Enemy than they were able alone to resist, therefore it was agreed, that it was necessary they should have an additional Force sent to their Assistance, composed partly of Regular Troops, and partly of Troops raised by the other Provinces, and 200 Men did accordingly sail from Virginia, and are now with them; and the Troops from North-Carolina were in Readiness to go, but were prevented by Letters from the Commanding Officer there, on the Arrival of a Regiment of 1000 Men from Europe, so that they did not then stand in Need of them; there is an Instance in Point in the very next Province, who were likewise to have made up their Quota of Troops to 400 Men, if they were found Necessary, for that Service in South-Carolina.

But further to illustrate this Point, let them reflect, that the Provincial Troops in the more Northern Provinces, that is, those of New Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, and the Jerseys, have for three Years last past been serving in the Province of New-York: There was an Attempt about 18 Months ago to have restrained Part of those Troops within certain Bounds, to serve particular Purposes, although they never thought of carrying that Point so far as to restrain them within their own Province, and the Moment that Intention appeared, the Ministry immediately interposed, and no such Measures have been attempted since.

Although the Prerogative is undisputed every where, I have thought it necessary to mention these few Instances in their Neighbourhood, to shew them the Singularity both of their Opinion and Proceedings; the Consequence of which I foresaw, and mentioned in a former Letter, and warned them of in the Letter I had the Honour to write you of the Effects such a Measure would have, not only to throw open the Frontiers of their own Province, but to open a Door to the Enemy in the very Heart of his Majesty's Dominions in North-America: As this is the fair State of the Affair, I cannot