

to Charles Towne two hundred good Musquets and am preparing
an hundred more to be sent with the first opportunity.

The Encouragement proposed by the Govern^t
of South Carolina for engaging these Men in their service are a
pay of 30. ^{per} Month Carolina Money Provisions of Victuals and
and some supply of Clothing against winter but the main
inducement has been a proposal made and which the Caro-
lina Regent agreed to tho' it was not in his Instructions, that
for every Man sent from hence a Slave should be sent hither
to work in his Room and to remain here as a security for
his pay —

The Govern^t of South Carolina had desire
ed no less than a thousand Men but it not being judged
advisable to spare from hence so great a Number while we
are apprehensive of an Attacke on our own Frontiers
I advised them applying to you for a like assistance if after
the arrival of the Successors from hence they found it neces-
sary not doubting but upon their sending Executed a Contract
of the like Nature to your Govern^t as y^t. They have entered
into with this you would supply them with as many Men
as the Condition of your Province could spare —

By what I can yet learn there is no reason to suspect
any of our Judicium holding a Correspondence with the
Enemy nor has there been as yet any appearance of them
on our Frontiers: But I am surpris'd at an Affidavit sent me
in the Packett from South Carolina and of which I send you
a Copy and as I know none of our Traders of y^e. Name of
Wilson nor any Traders gone from hence or returned hither
of late I desire you will be pleas'd to Inquire if any such
Persons belong to your Province or are come thither w^{ch} the
Affidavit mentions in that Affidavit. —

I thought it necessary at this juncture to Call an
Assembly as well to provide for the defence of this Country
as to trye what may be done for y^e further relief
their fellow Subjects and they are to meet the