

II. It is our Will and Pleasure, that you do with the utmost Zeal and Diligence promote and encourage so necessary a Disposition, for which Purpose you will forthwith Summon all our Councillors to attend you in Council, and communicate to them these Instructions, that they may be the better able to advise and assist you in the Execution of them, and in the appointing of such Officers for the Command of the several Companies to be raised, as are known to be Men of Interest in their Country, and well disposed to our Service.

III. It is our Intention that the Troops to be raised in our Province of *Maryland*, shall consist of Companies of One Hundred Men each, including four Serjeants, four Corporals and two Drummers, besides their Commission Officers, which shall be one Captain, two Lieutenants and an Ensign; But we have reserved to ourselves the Nomination of the Field and Staff Officers, and of one Lieutenant for each Company, who will be Men of Experience in Service, and sent from Home for their Assistance to meet them at the General Rendezvous appointed in the *West-Indies*, your Troops will likewise be furnished with one Serjeant for each Company, by Draughts of old Soldiers, out of the Four Independant Companies at *New-York*, for which Purpose the necessary orders will forthwith be given, all the other Officers are left to your Nomination, and you will receive blank Commissions under our Sign Manual, for them to be filled up with such Persons as you shall think proper, taking the Advice and even the Recommendation of our Council therein, so far as may be consistent with our Service and the Dispatch requisite upon this Subject: But if the number of blank Commissions sent to you upon this Occasion, shall happen to be more than the Companies raised in your Government do require, you are hereby directed to return the Remainder by the first opportunity to one of our Secretaries of State, and you shall return a list of the Officers whose Names you shall have inserted in any Commissions by virtue of these our Instructions, to whom the same shall be delivered free of all Charges, and without Fee, Gratuity, or Reward, upon pain of our highest Displeasure.

IV. You are likewise directed forthwith to issue a Proclamation, giving notice of our Royal Intentions in this Behalf, inviting our good Subjects cheerfully to enlist in our Service, and assuring them that the Troops to be raised in pursuance of these our Instructions, as well Officers as Soldiers shall enter into our Pay and enjoy the same Rank and Pay with the rest of our *British* Troops, so long as they shall continue in our Service.

V. And that you may be the more fully informed of our Pleasure with respect to the Troops to be raised in your Province, we have thought fit to