

[Robinson to Sharpe.]

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Sir

Having informed you in my Letter of July 5th That the King had under His Royal Consideration the State of Affairs in North America; I am now to acquaint you, That amongst other Measures, that are thought proper, for the Defence of His Majesty's just Rights and Dominions, in those Parts, The King has not only been pleased to order two Regiments of Foot, consist^d of 500 Men each, besides commissioned and non-Commissioned Officers, commanded by Sir Peter Halkett & Col: Dunbar, to repair to Virginia, & to be there augmented to the Number of 700 Each; but likewise, to send Orders to Gov^r Shirley, and Sir W^m Pepperell, to raise Two Regiments, whereof they are, respectively, appointed Colonels of 1000 Men each; and also, to sign Commissions for a Number of Officers to serve in the said Two Regiments, & who will forthwith repair to North America, for that purpose.

Whereas there will be wanting a considerable Number of Men to make up the designed Complements of the said Four Regiments; It is His Majesty's Pleasure, that you should be taking the previous Steps towards contributing, as far as you can, to have about Three Thousand Men, in readiness to be enlisted; And it is His Majesty's Intention, That a General Officer of Rank & Capacity to be appointed to command in Chief all the Kings Forces in North America, a Deputy Quarter Master General, and a Commissary of the Musters shall set out, as soon as conveniently may be, in order to prepare every Thing for the Arrival of the Forces above-mentioned from Europe, & for the Raising of the others in America.

You will receive from that General and the other Officers just mentioned, a full & exact account of the Arms, Cloathing & other necessaries to be sent upon this important Occasion, as likewise of the Ordnance Stores, & of the Officers and attendants belonging thereto All which being ordered for this Service, are such Proofs of His Majesty's Regard for the Security & Welfare of His Subjects in those Parts, as cannot fail to excite you to exert yourself, and those under your Care, to take the most vigorous Steps to repell your common Danger; & to shew that the King's Orders, which were sent you last year by the Earl of Holderness, & were renewed to you in my Letter of the 5th July, have at last rouzed that Emulation and Spirit, which every man owes, at this Time, to His Majesty, the Publick & himself: The King will not therefore imagine, that either you, or the rest of His Governors,