

will suffer the least Neglect or Delay in the Performance of the present Service, now strongly recommended to you, particularly with regard to the following Points, Viz^t That you should carefully provide a sufficient Quantity of fresh Victuals, at the Expence of your Government to be ready for the use of the Troops at their Arrival.

That you should likewise furnish the Officers, who may have Occasion to go from Place to Place, with all necessaries for travelling by Land, in Case there are no Means of going by Sea, and that you should use your utmost Diligence & Authority, in procuring an exact observance of such Orders, as shall be issued, from Time to Time, by the Commander in Chief, for quartering the Troops, impressing Carriages, & providing all Necessaries for such Forces, as shall arrive, or be raised, within your Government.

As the Articles abovementioned are of a local and peculiar nature, & arising entirely within your Government, it is almost needless for me to acquaint you, that His Majesty will expect, that the Charge thereof be defrayed by His Subjects belonging to the Same. But with regard to such other Articles, which are of more general Concern, it is the King's Pleasure that the same should be supplied by common Fund, to be established for the Benefit of all the Colonies, Collectively, in North America; For which Purpose, you will use your utmost Endeavours to induce the Assembly of your Province to raise, forthwith, as large a Sum as can be afforded, as Their Contribution to this common Fund, to be employed provisionally, for the general Service of North America, (particularly for paying the Charge of levying the Troops to make up the Complements of the Regiments abovementioned) untill such Time as a Plan of a general union of His Majesty's Northern Colonies, for their common Defence, can be perfected.

You will carefully confer or correspond, as you shall have Opportunities upon every Thing, relative to the present Service, with the said General, Sir Will^m Pepperell, & Gov^r Shirley, or either of them; And as it is the King's Intention to give all proper Encouragement to such Persons, who shall engage to serve upon this Occasion, you will acquaint all such Persons, in the King's Name, that they will receive Arms & Cloathing from hence, & that they shall be sent back, (if desired) to their respective Habitations when the Service in America is over.

As the several Governors in all the King's Provinces & Colonies in North America, will receive by this Conveyance, a Letter to the same Effect with this, which I now send you, they will be prepared at the same Time, to obey His Majesty's Commands: And I am to direct you, to correspond with all,