

Troops from hence to Port Royal in order to make room here for the British Forces./

As the Maryland Forces will be wanted to compleat the English Regiments, I have sent an order by M^r Pitcher to Wills's Creek that the Detachment of Maryland Forces now at that place, may forthwith march to Frederick to join the rest. they will be then at hand to be incorporated with the British Regiments. I have the honour of being with the greatest Respect

Your Excellencys
Most Obed^t Humble Serv^t
John S^t Clair.

To His Excell^{cy} Gov^r Sharpe.

[De Lancey to Sharpe.]

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Sir

On Wednesday last the Assembly of this Province was adjourned to the 2^d Tuesday in March after I had given my Assent to three Bills one to regulate the Militia another for Emitting Bills to the sum of £45000, £30000 of which for Fortifications in this City and on the Northern Frontier, the Third is the Act Herewith Inclosed by which you will see that the Governor with the Advice of the Council is Empowered to Restrain the sending Provisions to Cape Breton &c. I hope the other Governments on the Continent will fall into the like Measure, that the Good Intentions of this Law may not be frustrated, for it would be unreasonable and would not answer the purpose that the Trade of One Province should be Restrained while the others are left at Liberty; I hope you will prevail with your Assembly to fall into a Measure so very proper at this Time and that all the Provinces will Concur, that his Majesty's Subjects may no Longer by Supplying the French with Provisions Enable them to Carry on their pernicious Designs. You will observe that the Act is to Continue for four Months, but I think I may Venture to assure you, that if the other Provinces come into the Like Measure, this Assembly will readily Renew the Act as Long as it can be of any Service. I had the pleasure by Last Saturdays Post to hear from M^r Shirley that in Massachusetts Bay they had passed a Law for this purpose.

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£5000 is given for Provisions &
other Contingencys in Case his
Majesty's Troops Come into this
Province

S^r
Your most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
James De Lancey