

The King would have you recommend it in the strongest manner to your Council and Assembly, to pass effectual Laws for prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with the French, and for preventing the Exportation of Provisions of all kinds to any of their Islands or Colonies.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
H Fox

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

[Fox to Sharpe.]

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Sir

I have acquainted you in my other Letter, of this Date, with the Kings having appointed the Earl of Loudoun to be commander in chief of all His Majesty's Forces in North America, but as it will be some Time, before His Lordship or Major General Abercrombie who is to be the next in Command to Him, can set out from hence, the King has directed Colonel Webb (who will forward this Letter to you) to embark immediately for North America, and to take upon him the Command of the Forces, there till the Arrival of Lord Loudoun or Major General Abercrombie; You will therefore correspond with Colonel Webb, & give him all necessary Lights & Assistances, in the same manner you were directed to do, to the late General Braddock.

It having been represented that a considerable Number of Foreign Settlers in America might be more willing to enter into the King's Service if they were commanded by officers of their own Country, an Act of Parliament has been passed, of which I send you inclosed a printed Copy, Enabling his Majesty to grant Commissions to a certain Number of German Swiss, & Dutch Protestants who have served as Officers or Engineers, & as they have already Engaged they will embark with all Expedition in order to assist in raising and commanding such of the Foreign Protestants in North America, as shall be able and willing to serve with the rest of the Forces upon this occasion; And it is the King's Pleasure that you should give any of the said Officers who may come into your Government, all the Assistance, in your Power, in the Execution of this Service. It being of the greatest Importance, that His Majesty should be, in the present situation of Affairs, truly and exactly informed of the real State of Defence of all His Colonies in