

Letter Bk. III two Letters dated the 17th May & 18th June. I informed you in my Lett^r of the 17th of July that the Legislature of this Province made an Act near two years since for preventing the Exportation of Provisions & Military Stores from this Province to any Part of the French King's Dominions, that Act is now farther continued & I beleive it is effectual & answers the Ends for which it was made. I cannot on the strictest Enquiry find that the Inhabitants of this Province traded or corresponded with any of His Majesty's Enemies during the late war & I will use my utmost Endeavours & take effectual Care that no such Trade or Correspondence shall be carried on during this. Whatever French Prisoners shall be brought hither by Commanders of His Majesty's or other Ships shall be received & treated as such Persons have usually been. Since I did myself the honour to address you in July I have convened our Assembly & pressed them to make such Provision as you was pleased to require in your Letters dated the 13th of March. They would not be prevailed on to make any Allowance to the Masters of such Servants as have or may engage in His Majestys Service, but I did after some time persuade them to appropriate a Sum of Money for raising 300 Recruits for the Royal American Regiment, & another Sum for supporting a third Company of 100 Men to garrison Fort Frederick & patroll on our Frontiers till next April. About one third of the Number to be raised at the Expence of this Province for the Royal Americans have been brought hither & deliver to such Officers of that Regiment as were appointed to receive them & I hope we shall be able to get the Rest within these two Months tho the Success of the Recruiting Parties that have been sent from Nova Scotia & other parts to this Province has much reduced the Number of those people that were disposed to enlist in His Majesty's Forces—Nothing worthy Notice has lately occurred in this Colony. the Indians have made no Incursions these 3 months & I hope our Troops are so disposed of as to render any further Attempts of His Majesty's Enemies on our Frontier Inhabitants unsuccessful—As a Sum of Money has been granted by our Assembly for purchasing a Quantity of Powder & Ball for the use of the Troops that have been or shall be raised for the immediate Defence of this Province & Application made to me (by the Merch^t who is directed to procure it) for my Letter to shew that it is for the publick & no private use, I beg leave to acquaint you that I shall comply with the Merchant's Request & grant such a Lett^r as he desires hoping that he will on presenting it obtain your Permission to export such Ammunition as he might be ordered to purchase & transport hither

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