

come hither with Governor Dobbs & Mr Dinwiddie in obedience to Letters which we had severally received from the Earl of Loudoun who intended to have met Us the 17th of last Month but by reason of some unavoidable Delay in the Northern Governments could not reach Phil^a before the 16th Inst. Since that time His Lordship has been pleased to communicate to us his intended plan of operations for the ensuing Campaign & to signify what Assistance he expects & requires from the several Colonies with the Gov^t of which We have the honour to be intrusted. For the Defence of the Northern Colonies I find His Ldp. intends to leave under the Command of General Webb one of the old Regiments the N York Independant Companies & a Battalion of the Royal Americans to be joined by about 5000 Provincials that the Eastern Colonies have engaged to furnish for that Service. For the better Defence of these Southern Colonies Colonel Stanwix will be ordered to encamp somewhere near the Frontiers of this Province with five Companies of the first Battalion of Royal Americans & the other half of the Battalion will be ordered to South Carolina under the Command of Lieut^t Col^o Bouquet. It is proposed that 1400 Men shall be raised & supported by this Province of whom 1000 are to be disposed of on the Frontiers of Pensilvania & the other 200 sent to South Carolina. that 500 Men shall be supported by the Province of Maryland on our own Frontiers viz^t 300 to garrison Fort Cumberland & 200 for Fort Frederick & to keep the Communication open between the two Places. The Virginians are to raise & Support 1000 Men of whom 400 are to be sent to South Carolina & 600 posted on their own Frontiers. 400 Men are required of North Carolina of whom 100 are to be ordered to the Western Frontier of that Province, 100 to the Sea Coast & 200 to South Carolina. What Number the Province of So. Carolina is to support I know not but it will be left to them to victual all the Forces that are sent to them hence & from the other Colonies & as there is room to fear that the French are meditating an Expedition agst that Province it is not doubted but they will themselves raise a considerable Number of Men on this Occasion. Since my Arrival here an Embargo has been laid by His Ldp's Orders in all the Ports north of the Carolinaes that His Ldp might be supplied with Shipping & Sailors for the Transportation of the Troops & Stores that he intends to take hence, The Trading People complain heavily of this Step but as His Majesty's Service absolutely required it I hope your Ldp will approve of my sending the same Orders to the Collectors & Naval Officers in your Ldp's Province, that Governor Denny & the other Governors gave to the Port-Officers under their Direction. As

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