

for if they will consider what has happened in almost all the other Provinces, they will find they are Single in the opinion of the King's power of marching the Provincial Troops into other Provinces.

At the meeting at Philadelphia it was settled last Spring, that South Carolina was in danger of a more powerfull Invasion from the Enemy than they were able alone to resist; therefore it was agreed that it was necessary they should have an Additional Force sent to their Assistance composed partly of Troops raised by the other Provinces; and 200 men did accordingly Sail from Virginia, & are now with them, and the Troops from North Carolina were in readiness to go, but were prevented by Letters from the Commanding Officer there, on the Arrival of a Regiment of 1000 men from Europe, so that they did not then stand in need of them. There is an Instance in point in the very next Province, who were likewise to have made up their Quota of Troops to 400 Men, if they were found necessary for that Service in S<sup>o</sup> Carolina.

But further to Illustrate this Point let them Reflect that the Provincial Troops in the more Northern Provinces, that is those of Newhampshire the Massachusetts bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut and the Ierseys, have for three Years last past, been serving in the Province of New York, There was an Attempt about 18 months ago to have restrained part of those Troops within certain Bounds, to serve particular purposes; altho they never thought of Carrying that point so far, as to restrain them within their own Province, and the moment that Intention appeared the Ministry immediately interposed, and no such measures have been attempted since.

Altho' the Prerogative is undisputed every where I have thought it necessary to mention these few Instances in their Neighbourhood, to shew them the singularity both of their opinion & Proceedings, the Consequence of which I foresaw, and mentioned in a former Letter, and warned them of, in the Letter I had the honour to write you, of the Effect such a measure would have not only to throw open the Frontiers of their own Province, but to open a Door to the Enemy in the very Heart of His Majesty's Dominions in North America. As this is the fair State of the Affair, I cannot doubt that those Gentlemen, on Considering Coolly on the Affair will from their Care for the Preservation of the Lives and propertys of their Fellow Subjects, from their Zeal for the Common Cause of all North America and their Duty to the King, propose such an Act as is not only agreeable to the Instructions, but agreeable to our happy Constitution of Government in the British Dominions, without attempting to make alterations in it, at a time when the Enemy are taking every advantagc that can be drawn from any little Jarrs that may happen in any of