

The King is further pleased to furnish all the Men, so raised as above, with Arms, Ammunition, & Tents, as well as to order Provisions to be issued to the same, by His Maty's Commissaries, in the same Proportion and manner, as is done to the Rest of the King's Forces; And a sufficient Train of Artillery will also be provided, at His Majesty's Expence, for the Operations of the Campaign. The whole therefore that the King expects and requires from the several Provinces, is, the Levying, Cloathing and Pay, of the Men; and on these Heads also, that no Encouragement may be wanting to the fullest Exertion of your Force, His Majesty is farther most graciously pleased to permit me to acquaint you, that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament, in their Session next Year, to grant a proper Compensation for such Expences as above, according as the active Vigour, & strenuous Efforts of the respective Provinces, shall justly appear to merit.

It is His Majesty's Pleasure, that you do, with particular Diligence, immediately collect, and put into the best Condition, all the Arms, issued last Campaign, which can be, any ways, rendered serviceable, or that can be found within your Government, in order that the same may be employed, as far as They will go, in this Exigency, I am at the same time, to acquaint you, that a reasonable Supply of Arms will be sent from England, to replace such, as may have been lost, or have become unfit for future Service.

I am further to inform you, that simular Orders are sent, by this Conveyance, to Pensylvania, Virginia, N^o Carolina, and South Carolina.

The Northern Governments are also directed to raise Men, in the same Manner, to be employed in such Offensive Operations, as the Circumstances and Situation of the Enemy's Possessions in those Parts, may point out, Which, it is hoped will oblige Them so to divide Their Attention and Forces, as will render the several Attempts more easy & successful.

It is unnecessary to add any Thing to animate your Zeal in the Execution of His Majesty's Orders on this great Occasion, where the future Safety and Welfare of America, and of your own Province in particular, are at Stake; and the King doubts not, from your known Fidelity and Attachment, that you will employ yourself, with the utmost Application and Dispatch, in this urgent and decisive Crisis.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
W. Pitt

Dep^{ty} Gov^r of Maryland.