

beneficial to him than both the Offices which he enjoys at present. As it is not improbable that there will be a Vacancy within two or three years I should be obliged to you for giving Orders that M^r Young may in that Case be appointed upon his resigning the Offices which he now holds unless the Vacancy should happen in Kent County, the Clerkship of which is you know already promised to M^r Dennis Dulany.

[Amherst to Sharpe.]

Original.

Sir

New York Decem^r 13. 1758

The King having been pleased to appoint me Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North America and having at the same time signified to me his Royal pleasure that I should correspond with and apply to all his Governors on the Continent for their Aid and Assistance in carrying on the Sources pointed out to me, I am in obedience to those Commands, to Acquaint you, that altho I have not as yet any particular Orders Relative to the operations of the ensuing Campaign I imagine they will require the same Number of provincial Troops that were voted by the respective provinces and Colonies this year, and it will Likewise be necessary, in order to carry those operations the more effectually into Execution that those Troops should be at the place of Rendezvous as early in the Spring as possible. I woud therefore recomend it to you if the Troops raised by your province for the sources of Last Campaign are not already disbanded that you move your Assembly to Continue them in their pay during the Winter which will not only be a great saving of Time, but by what I can understand a great Saving of expence to the province Wherefore I shoud hope you will the more easily succeed in your application, but if it should so happen that before the receipt of this Letter those Troops had already been Disbanded, in that case, I must desire, that you will loose no Time in using your Influence with your Assembly to move them to order new Levies and to Cause these to be provided with the usual necessary's and to be ready by the Time the Season will Admitt their Taking the Field.

Having also received his Majestys orders to recruit and Compleat the Regiments now serving on the Continent, I am Likewise to beg your Countenance and protection to the officers I shall have occasion to send as well as to those that have already been sent by my Predecessor, on that Service, and that you will be aiding and Assisting unto them in the Execution thereof

I am with great Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Ieff: Amherst