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proclaimed in this City the 27th of that Month & that Orders were issued the next Day for making the like proclamation in the several Counties of this Province, I shall now proceed to inform you that having in pursuance of His Ldp's Instructions & at the instance of Gen^l Amherst met the Assembly of this province the 13th Inst I opened the Session with the inclosed Speech & as soon as the two Houses had presented their respective Addresses in Answer thereto I sent each of them a Message intimating to them that as I thought it would become us to take such a Step I should be glad to join with them in an Address to His Majesty to express our Grief for the Loss of our late most gracious Sovereign & of our happiness in the prospect we have of enjoying under His Majesty's auspicious Reign the invaluable Blessings which we & our Fellow Subjects experienced during the Administration of his illustrious

p. 168 Grandfather. In Consequence of this Message a Committee of both Houses is appointed to draw up such an Address which (if they can agree on one tho that is doubtful as the Lower House talk of inserting a Clause about Aggrievances) I hope will be presented to me in a Day or two for my Approbation & His Ldp might depend that I shall immediately send the same to N York to be transmitted by the first packett or Man of War that may sail thence for Great Britain & I will send a Duplicate by the Way of Virg^a or should the Lower House decline joining with Us & the Council & I will nevertheless transmit an Address to be presented to His Majesty— You will perceive by my Speech to the Assembly (which ought to have met the 7th Inst but a sufficient number of Members to make a Lower House did not come together till the 13th) that I was required by M^r Pitt as well as by General Amherst to solicit them once more for Supplies that a Number of Troops may be raised in this Province as well as in the neighbouring Colonies for the Security & Defence of the Kings Dominions & Conquests on this Continent, His Majesty having been pleased to give Orders that a considerable Body of his Regular Forces which have been employed in North America for some years past should be now transported hence to act offensively against the Enemy in some other Quarter. The Secretary of State's Letter being a Circular One I understand that the Legislatures of the several Provinces to the Northward of Philadelphia have thereupon made Provision for the Support during this Campaign of as many Men as were required of them respectively, but I learn from Phil^a that the Assembly of Pennsylvania have Resolved (by a Majority of three Voices) that they will not raise any more Men nor

p. 169 support more than the 300 which they have already on foot & which they sometime ago agreed to keep up to garrison