

your Province, as he shall demand, as their Quota, towards compleating the Regular Regiments, which have been sent to America for the Defence & Protection of the Possessions of His Majesty's Subjects there; And the King cannot doubt but that the Provinces will chearfully & readily comply with this reasonable Demand so obviously calculated for their own Security & Advantage, at the same Time that Your Zeal for His Majesty's Service will naturally excite you to use all your Influence & Power in bringing effectually to bear a Measure, which His Majesty has so much at Heart, and with Regard to which any Failure or Disappointment would be extremely disagreeable.

I am, with great Truth & Regard

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Egremont

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

Original.

[Lord Egremont to Sharpe.]

Whitehall Decem^r 12th 1761.

Sir,

As the King has nothing so much at Heart, as to secure and improve the great and important Advantages, gained since the Commencement of this War in No^o America, and having seen His good Dispositions, to restore the Publick Tranquility, entirely frustrated, by the Insincerity & Chicane of the Court of Versailles in the late Negotiation; and as nothing can so effectually contribute to the great and essential Object of reducing the Enemy to the necessity of accepting a Peace, on Terms of Glory and Advantage to His Majesty's Crown, and beneficial in particular to His Subjects in America, as the King's being enabled to employ, as immediately as may be, such part of the Regular Forces in North America, as may be adequate to some great and important Enterprize against the Enemy; I am commanded to signify to you the King's Pleasure, that, in order the better to provide for the full and entire Security of His Majesty's Dominions in North America, and particularly of the Possession of His Majesty's Conquests there, during the Absence of such Part of the Regular Forces, you do forthwith use your utmost Endeavours and Influence with the Council and Assembly of your Province, to induce them to raise, with all possible Dispatch, within your Government, as large a Body of Men, as the Number and Situation of It's Inhabitants may allow; (And I am particularly commanded by the King to acquaint you, that His Majesty expects, that