

do forthwith Use Your utmost Endeavors 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 its Inhabitants may allow (in the due performance of which Service, it is hoped and Expected they will not again fail in their Duty to the King, as they have done the last Campaigns) and forming the same into Regiments, as far as shall be found convenient; That You do direct them, to hold themselves in readiness as Early as may be, to march to the Rendezvous, at such Place or Places as may be Named for that purpose, by the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in America, or by the Officer, who shall be appointed to Command the King's Forces in those parts, in order to proceed from thence, in Conjunction with a Body of His Majesty's British Forces, and under the Supreme Command of the Officer to be Appointed as above, so as to be in a Situation to begin by the First of May, if possible, or as soon after as shall be any way practicable, such Offensive Operations, as shall be Judged, by the Commander of His Majesty's Forces in those parts, most Expedient for Annoying the Enemy.

As the King's directions, on the foregoing Subject are so fully Stated in the above Abstract, I have only to Request that You would Exert Your utmost Endeavors to encite and Encourage Your Assembly to the full and due Execution of the King's Commands, in a Matter so Essential to the future Welfare and prosperity of the Several Provinces, and the Success of the Ensueing decisive, and (it is greatly hoped) last Campaign in North America; which desirable Ends cannot be better Attained than by Commencing the Operations as Early as shall be practicable; And that Nothing may be left undone that it is possible for me to attempt in the Execution of His Majesty's Commands, I must be Urgent with You to Quicken & Expedite the Levies of Your Province so that they may be Assembled at the Rendezvous which I shall hereafter Appoint, by the Tenth of April at furthest.

I have also in Command from His Majesty, to Recommend to You the Collecting and putting into a proper Condition, all the Arms which can be any wise rend'ed 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: As a further Reason for which I Referr You to my Letter of the 16th February 1759, and now offer You the same Encouragement I did then, viz^t That for Every One of such Arms as any of Your men shall bring with them, and that may be Spoiled or Lost in actual Service, I will pay at the rate of Twenty five Shillings a Firelock.