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Papers.

The purpose of this Epistle is on No Account designed towards corrupt Views, But as Malignancy is prevalent, y^r Strict Honour is relyed on, that you keap Secreet the Name to this Letter & ag^t accident by Mortality after you have considered the Substance you are desired to Extinguish this Letter ; keeping it till then in close privacy that none may see or get a Copy of it; Albeit it is approved of communing with M^r Attor^y Bordley on the several contents, he being deemed a Man of good sense & real Knowledge. Good success resulting from the Doctrine in the above Letter will give the greatest satisfaction to the Author who is a real friend to the Lord Proprietor & Province and wishes all Happiness to you & y^r Administration.

[Egremont to Sharpe.]

Original.

Whitehall Dec^r 12th 1761

Sir.

The King having taken into His most serious Consideration, how highly essential it is to the Interests & Security of His Subjects in North America, that the regular Regiments, serving in that Country, be recruited with all convenient Expedition to their full Complement of Effectives, and at the same Time seeing the impracticability of compleating them from Great Britain, considering how this Country is drained by the great Number of Men furnished for the various Services in all Parts of the World ; I am therefore to signify to you the King's Pleasure that You do immediately on the Receipt of this Letter exert your utmost Influence to induce Your Province, to carry into the most speedy & most effectual Execution this very important Object by immediate Compliance with any Requisition, which Sir Jefferey Amherst shall in Consequence of His Majesty's Orders, make for furnishing, on certain Conditions, which he will explain to you, such a Number of Recruits from 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 Province 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