

Letter Bk.III Great Britain & the Interest of His Majesty's Subjects who have Property on board these Ships to be convoyed by the Diana to Europe than after what manner the Application for that Benefit is made to you. I flatter myself that a Petition or Memorial from the Masters of the Vessels that are fallen down from this Province to Hampton will have as much weight with you as if it was signed by all the Persons interested in those Ships & Cargoes & recommended by me in the most pressing Terms. Be pleased Sir to accept my Thanks for Your Favour of the 12th Inst & believe that I am &c.

Original.

[Amherst to Sharpe.]

New York, 21st February 1762

Sir,

As I Acquaint^d you in my Letter of the 9th Instant, that I had been Honored with His Majesty's Commands for Completing the Regular Corps, Serving in North America, by Recruits to be Raised by the Several Provinces, on such Terms & Conditions as I should propose: In Consequence of these Commands, & in Obedience thereto, I have duely Considered not only the Numbers that will be necessary to be furnished by the respective Colonies, but the Encouragements to be given to Induce the men Voluntarily to Enter into the Service which, I am perswaded, will, if properly backed by the Provinces have the desired Effect.

The Number of men Expected from your Province for this Service, with the method proposed for Raising them, I shall now Lay before you; And the Earl of Egremont's Letter, which I herewith Enclose to you, will shew you how much the King has this measure at heart, and how disagreeable any failure or disappointment therein, would be to His Majesty.

The Quota to be furnished by your Province, agreeable to the proportions from the other Colonies, is Eighty Four men; I must therefore most Earnestly Request you will use your utmost Influence with the Assembly to Raise that Number, over & above those already Demanded by my Letter of the 9th Instant, by paying them the same Levy money as to the others; And as an Encouragement to Induce the men to Enter into the Regular Service, I propose to Allow Five pounds New York Currency, Bounty money, to Each man, not under Eighteen, nor above Forty years of Age, who shall Enlist, to serve during the War, or untill the Regiments Return to Europe: They shall be Cloathed, & Enter into Immediate pay, without any further Expence to the Province than their first Levying; and, at the Expiration of their time,