

as above mentioned, shall be sent back to their respective Homes: And in order to Encourage the Provincial Officers to forward this Essential Service, I leave it to you to Appoint any Officer, or Officers, you shall think proper to persuade the men to Enter into the Regular Service, on the Above Conditions; for Every one of which that he shall so Enlist, that is approved of by a Regular Officer whom I shall Appoint for that purpose, the said Provincial Officer shall receive a Reward of Forty Shillings, New York Currency; It will therefore be necessary that I have the Earliest Notice of the time when you think the men will be Raised, that I may send an Officer to Approve of them; Receive them; & pay the Bounty & Reward, as already promised.

I Have only to Add, that to Render this Service Effectual, & prevent Desertion, I shall Expect the Province will provide for Replacing such men as do Desert, which, when known, I am persuaded, will prevent any of them from Leaving their Corps, since they cannot Expect protection in the Colonies.

You will please to Observe that the Execution of this measure, must by no means, Retard, or Interfere with, the Requisition made by His Majesty for the Provincial Service: The King ever mindfull of the Ease and welfare of His Faithfull Subjects, Demands only such Assistance as may be granted without Subjecting them to any heavy Burthen; and therefore has been pleased to make his Requisitions agreable thereto; And I trust, from your known Zeal for His Majesty's Honor, and the good of the Service, you will Enforce the necessity of both measures, when you meet your Assembly, in such a manner, that, as these measures are calculated for the prosecution of a War, in which the Immediate Security, and future Interests of the Province are so Essentially Concerned, they will chearfully and readily Comply with His Majesty's Commands, and thereby Approve themselves Faithfull, and Obedient Subjects to the Best of Kings.

I am, with great Regard  
Sir

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant  
Jeff: Amherst.

His Excellency Gov<sup>r</sup> Sharpe.

[Sharpe to Amherst.]

Letter Bk. III

To S<sup>r</sup> Jeffery Amherst. Annapolis the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1762.  
Sir

Having by our last Post received the Letter you were pleased to favour me with the 9<sup>th</sup> of last month together with