

Remained with me to Lay their Conduct before the King's Minister, which I have accordingly done, but could have wished they had Enabled me to have done it more to their own Honor.

Altho' I did not think it right for me to order payment for the Expences Incurred by You in Travelling on the King's Service, I imagine on Your Application at home, those Expences may be Allowed out of the Monies granted to the Provinces; As the other Colonies have constantly paid the Travelling Charges of their respective Governors, it would have been a bad precedent in me to have ordered payment for Yours.

I Cannot send you the original Letters from Lord Loudoun, & the other Generals, as all the Vouchers are mentioned in the Warrant, to be Lodged with Colonel DeLancey; but I have Caused Exact Copies to be taken of them, which I herewith Enclose to You.

I now Come to Your Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the prohibition of Exporting Provisions from Your Province wherein You seem to think that there are none of the Merchants there concerned in the Illicit Trade, or if there were, that Even a General Embargo, could not prevent their sending Vessells to the Enemy, as they would not scruple to send them out without any Clearances, or furnish their Masters with fictitious ones.

This I can hardly think they would venture to do, if a General Embargo was Laid, and that the Officers of the Customs did their Duty; but as You are the best Judge of the Dispositions of the People, and that You must know whether there is any ground to Suspect that Provisions are sent from Your Province to the Enemy's Settlements, I shall not Desire a General Embargo, if the prohibition You have already Laid, has the desired Effect; altho' I Cannot help Informing You of the Certain Intelligence I have received of some Merchants on this Continent, particularly those of Pennsylvania & New York, having Entered into Schemes for Supplying the Havannah with Provisions, by the way of Providence, and as the Quantitys demanded were very Large, I fear more than the People of those Provinces which I have mentioned would have been Concerned therein.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir

Your most obedient  
Humble Servant  
Jeff: Amherst