

Lib. W. B. not better answer Your desire of knowing the state of that Province than by inclosing the Copy of what I have just writt to the Secretary of State according to the Information I received from a Gentleman of considerable figure in that Governm^t sent hither to Sollicit it for an immediate assistance of Men upon whose Representation I have gone as farr to succour them as the Authority of a Governour supported by the Concurrence of a Council wou'd Enable me by immediately resolving to raise 300 Men for that Service and have allready used such dispatch therein that there were but fifteen days between the Arrival of the Commissioners here and their dispatch with an hundred and Eighteen of that Number Next Wednesday I intend to Embarque 40 or 50 more and the Remainder will be ready against the returne of the Valeur. These are also to be Armed from hence for which purpose I have allready sent to Charles Towne 200 good Musquetts and preparing a hundred more to be sent with the first opportunity.

p. 54 The Encouragement proposed by the Governm^t of South Carolina for engaging these Men in their Service are the pay of 30 p month Carolina Mony provisions of Victuals and some Supply of Cloathing against Winter; but the main inducement has been a Proposal I made and which the Carolina Agents agreed to tho It was not in his Instructions that for every Man sent from hence a Slave should be sent hither to Worke in his Roome and to remain here as a Security for his pay.

The Government of South Carolina has desired no less than a thousand Men but it not being judged advisable to Spare from hence so great a Number while we are apprehensive of an Attacque on Our owne frontiers. I advised their applying to you for a like Assistance if after the Arrival of the Succours from hence they found it necessary not doubting but upon their sending Executed a Contract of the like Nature to Your Government as that they have Entered into with this You wou'd Supply them with as many Men as the Condition of Your Province cou'd Spare.

By what I can yet learne there is no reason to suspect any of Our Indians holding a Correspondence with the Enimie, nor has there been as yet any appearance of them on our ffrontiers: but I am surprized at an Affidavit sent me in the Pacquett from South Carolina and of which I send you a Copy and as I know none of our Traders of the Name of Wilson nor any Traders gone from hence or returned hither of late I desire You will be pleased to Enquire if any such persons belong to Your Province or are Come thither with the Skins mentioned in that Affidavit.