

Lib. C. B. Conjunction with the Regular Troops to be sent from hence, I am to signify to you his Majestys Pleasure that you should forthwith make the proper Dispositions for raising as many Men, as you shall be able to procure in your Government; And as the King intends, that the Troops to be raised in America, should be commanded by Col Spotswood, the whole to be however, after they shall have joyned the Regular Troops under the Command of my Lord Cathcart General and Commander in Chief of all his Majestys Troops sent to, or raised in, America (with which I have by this Occasion acquainted Col Spotswood) It is his Majestys Pleasure that
 p. 74 you should confer, or correspond with Col Spotswood, if you have an Opportunity upon Every thing that may relate to the performance of this Service.

Col Blakeney, who is appointed Adjutant General in this Expedition, will set out from hence as soon as possible, with his Majestys Letters and Authorities to you, and the other Governors of his Majestys Colonies on the Continent of America, for making the said Levies, and with the Kings more particular Instructions and Directions relating to this Matter. In the mean time the King has thought proper, that I should give you this previous Notice, that you may be making the necessary Dispositions, in order to facilitate, as soon as possible the raising the Troops. Col Blakeney will carry with him a considerable Number of Arms, some Samples of Cloathing for the Souldiers, and what Money or Credit shall be judged requisite for the Performance of this Service

It is his Majestys Intention to give all proper Encouragement to the New Levies by ordering them to be supplied with Arms, and a proper Cloathing, and to be paid by his Majesty, with an Assurance of their coming in for their Share of any Booty, that may be taken from the Enemy, and of their being sent back to their respective Habitations when the Service shall be over, unless any of them shall desire to settle themselves elsewhere

His Majesty will order to be sent by Col Blakeney a Number of Blank Commissions to be given by the Governors to the Officers that are to command the Troops under Col Spotswood. The King has not thought proper to confine you to any particular Number of Men to be raised within Your Government, His Majesty depending upon your Care and Zeal for his Service, that you will procure as many as you possibly can.

You will consider how much the Time presses, and will therefore use the utmost Expedition in making Your Preparations. It is hoped that my Lord Cathcart may be able to sail from hence in April or May next, and consequently you