

Lib. C. B. Date at St James's the second of April last, has been graciously pleased to signify his Royal Will and Pleasure to me, that His Majesty hath determined to raise a Body of Troops in his Majestys Colonies on the Continent of North America, to joyn the Troops to be sent from Great Britain, at a particular Place of Rendezvous to be appointed for that purpose, and to act in Conjunction with them under the Command of the Right honourable the Lord Cathcart, General and Commander in Chief of all his Majestys Forces in America, in such Dispositions as shall be made for his Majestys Service: And that altho' His Majesty has not thought fit to fix any particular Quota for this Province, because his Majesty would not limit the Zeal of his Loyal Subjects, yet considering the great Number of Inhabitants in this Province, and that they have of late years been much increased, His Majesty is most graciously pleased to declare, that His Majesty doubts not in the least but they will exert themselves upon this Occasion, as far as the Circumstances of this Colony will allow, being assured
 p. 98 they cannot render a more acceptable service to His Majesty and their Mother Country, or do any thing more essential for their own Interest: And I am directed, with the utmost Zeal and Diligence to promote and encourage so Necessary a Disposition, and to appoint such Officers for the Command of the several Companies to be raised as are known to be Men of Interest in their Counties and well disposed to his Majestys Service

His Majesty has therefore commanded me forthwith to issue a Proclamation, giving Notice of his Royal Intentions in this Behalf, inviting his Majestys good Subjects to inlist in his Service, and assuring them that the Troops to be raised in pursuance of his Majestys Instructions as well Officers as Soldiers shall enter into his Majestys Pay, and enjoy the same Rank and Pay with the rest of his Majestys British Troops so long as they shall continue in his Majestys Service.

His Majesty has thought fit to declare, that all the Serjeants Corporals Drummers and private Soldiers, shall be entitled to receive his Majestys Pay from the respective Days on which they shall be enlisted pursuant to such Certificates as I shall judge sufficient for that purpose; and that the Commission Officers shall enter into Pay from the Day their Commissions bear date, and that they shall take Post and Rank in the respective Battalions into which they shall be formed, according to the Dates of the Certificates by which It shall appear when Each Captain respectively had completed his Levies. And as a further Encouragement to such Officers and Soldiers as shall engage in the present Expedition, I am commanded by his Majesty to assure them in his Royal Name, that the