

Lib. C. B. of the Dismissions and Desertions of any of the Soldiers, and Times of their being discharged or deserting; together with the Account of the Furloffs which have been granted from time to time to the Soldiers or any of them; and for what time, as also upon what Command or Duty the Officers or Men have been respectively employed since the time of their entering into the service: All which Rolls, Lists & Accounts We desire may be duely certified by the proper Officers under their hands, upon Oath taken before your self, and attested by you; also that you would transmit to Us an Account of the Charges of the Cloathing, Arms & Accoutrements of the Soldiers, and all other Expences which have been incurred on Account of the Expedition, and are not to be defrayed by the Colony under your Government, from the Time of their being levied to the Time of your attesting the said Accounts, together with the Vouchers thereof, all duely certified upon Oath, by the proper Parties before you, and a Copy of the Proclamation issued by you, for the Encouragement of Troops to inlist into the aforesaid Service, with Copies of the Votes of your Assembly touching the Bounty and Subsistance, or Allowance of Provisions granted by them for the Troops. And We must further desire that you would, in pursuance of his Majesty's Orders communicate to Us your Sentiments and Opinion as to the manner of discharging these Officers and Soldiers and upon what Foot It may be best done, having due

p. 301 Regard to his Majestys Commands to Us, for doing it in the most frugal Manner and his Expectations in this Affair; and this We desire you will forthwith do as a great Charge is running on 'til the Soldiers shall be dismissed from this service by Us.

We must also desire you, in Obedience to his Majestys Commands, to recommend it to your Assembly to furnish such Sums of Money or Credit as may be wanted to pay off the Soldiers, which you will perceive by the Extract of the Duke of Newcastles Letter, is to be provided for by Parliament as soon as the Accounts of the whole Charge incurred by raising the Levies shall be transmitted to his Grace by Us; and forthwith to let us know your Opinion of the Success of such an Application; as also to let us know whether you have advanced any, and what Sums of Money to the Officers and Soldiers, or any of them, on Account of their Pay, and after what Rate and to what Time they are paid in full

And as you perceive, We are commanded by his Majesty to retain such a Number of the American Troops in his Pay as We shall judge sufficient for the securing of Nova Scotia against the Enemys Attempts, until a Reinforcement can be sent thither from Great Britain; the Preservation of which