

Colony is of the greatest Importance to the Safety and Welfare Lib. C. B.  
of all his Majestys Northern Colonies : And also that M<sup>r</sup> Shirley  
is ordered by his Majesty to compleat his own as well as Sir  
William Pepperell's, as likewise Lieutenant General Philipps's  
Regiment out of those Troops, We hope you will assist the  
Officers who shall be sent to raise Recruits for those Purposes,  
into your Government with your Influence and Authority, &  
contribute everything in your Power to their Success, and the  
promoting of his Majestys Service.

We think it clear, that the Arms and Accoutrements of the  
Soldiers are to be returned; and where the Men have lost  
them, their Value must be stopped out of their Pay, or rather  
the several Captains are to be called upon for the Arms of the p. 302  
respective Companies, and are chargeable therewith; which  
you will be pleased to consider; And We must desire you  
will forthwith let Us know your Opinion of what Pay it will  
be reasonable to allow the Officers as well as Men for their  
service

We are Sir Your Honours  
Most Obedient humble servants  
W<sup>m</sup> Shirley  
Cha: Knowles

Extract of the Duke of Newcastles Letter to Gov<sup>r</sup> Shirley  
dated Whitehall 30<sup>th</sup> May 1747

His Majesty has been pleased to direct me to signify to you  
his Pleasure, that you should immediately appoint a Meeting  
with Commodore Knowles at such Place as shall be agreed  
upon, and consider with him the present State of Nova Scotia  
and Louisburgh, and take the proper Measures for the Defence  
of those Places

It is his Majestys Pleasure you should endeavour to compleat  
from out of the Americans which are now raised for his Maj<sup>tys</sup>  
Service S<sup>r</sup> William Pepperels Regiment and your own

Lieutenant Gen<sup>l</sup> Philipp's Regiment is, I am afraid, very  
weak; I will however send him his Majestys Orders to send  
what Recruits can be got from : And you will also en-  
deavour to have his Regiment compleated out of the Americans

As It is his Majestys Intention that the Americans should  
be immediately discharged, except only such few as are men-  
tioned above, the Manner of discharging them, the Satisfaction  
for their time &c must be left to Commodore Knowles & your  
self the King however is perswaded you will do it as cheap as  
possible

And as these American Troops have done little or no Ser-  
vice hitherto, It is hoped they will not expect to be paid in the