

Lib. C. B. manner they would have been, had they actually been employed
 p. 303 on Service ; And it seems highly reasonable, that such of these
 Troops as have remained in the Provinces where they were
 enlisted, should be contented with less Pay than such of them
 as may have marched into other Provinces

When you and M^r Knowles shall have met, & fully considered the service to be undertaken, in the manner above directed, and shall have agreed what Number of Americans It will be necessary to keep in Pay for that Purpose, It is his Majestys Pleasure that you should procure an Account of the whole Expence incurred on Account of the American Troops from the time of their being levied to the time of their being discharged, and when the same shall be fully adjusted & liquidated you will transmit it to me, with the proper Vouchers, from the several Governors, that it may be laid before Parliament, to the End that Provision may be made for the Payment ; and in the mean time, in order to prevent any Complaint amongst the Men that have been enlisted (as well those that shall be discharged as those that shall continue in Service) for want of immediate Pay, you will recommend it to the Governors of the Provinces where these Levies have been made, to procure Credit from the respective Assemblies for that purpose, which his Majesty hopes may be done without difficulty

It is also his Majestys Pleasure, that M^r Knowles and you should consider what Number of Americans will be really wanted for the service above mentioned, and the King would have you retain so many as may be absolutely necessary for that service, and no more. And the King hopes that a small Number of the Americans, with his Majestys forces which you have, may be sufficient for that purpose, as the Expence of the Americans is very great : And as to the Americans in general, except only such as may be wanted for the Service above-mentioned, It is his Majesty's Pleasure, that you, in Conjunction
 p. 304 with Commodore Knowles, should thank them in such manner as you think proper and immediately discharge them upon the best and cheapest foot you can ; and in Order thereto, you will consult with the respective Governors upon the manner of doing it : And you will transmit to his Majesty an immediate Account of what you shall do therein

NB. This Paragraph should have
 been inserted between the fourth
 & fifth Paragraphs

Cha: Knowles
 W^m Shirley

The foregoing Letters being read and considered ; It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency, that he be pleased to order Proclamations to issue to call the Assembly to meet on Monday the 14th Instant which Proclamations issued accordingly.