

Lib. C. B. Agreeable to your Desire, inclosed is a Copy of the Proclamation issued for the Encouragement of Persons to enlist, with Copies of the Votes of the Assembly of this Province touching the Bounty and Subsistance granted by them, also a Copy of the Certificate given by M^r Bladen to the Officers; I am not acquainted with any Sum of Money advanced to the Officers or Soldiers, either by M^r Bladen, or any other Person here on Account of their Pay

The Troops raised here were furnished with Arms and Accoutrements at the Expence of this Province upon the Assurance expressed in the Letter from the Duke of Newcastle that It should be reimbursed, and you will perceive by an inclosed Copy of an Address from the Lower house on that head, that they still depend on having a satisfaction made accordingly, so that however reasonable It may be, that those Arms and Accoutrements should be returned or otherways accounted for by the Men or their Officers as you express in your Letter, yet you will be pleased to consider that neither the Men or Officers are now or ever likely to be in this Government, or, if they were, could any of them be made accountable here for the Loss of any such Arms and Accoutrements by a Stoppage out of their Pay, since I have no Directions or Authority in the payment of them, and therefore I doubt not of your Assistance in procuring the Payment for such Arms & Accoutrements

My Duty and Zeal for his Majesty and his Service as also my Earnestness to act what is in my Power agreeable to your Wishes would leave me without Excuse, if I should be wanting in my Assistance to any Officers who may be sent hither to raise Recruits for the Purposes you mention.

As I am not sufficiently acquainted with the Circumstances & Scituation of all his Majestys Colonies, or the Difficulties of raising Men there, I cannot pretend to judge what Pay ought to be allowed to the Officers and Soldiers in general, But as to the Pay of the Troops raised in this Province who have marched and always served in New York, I make no Question but you will think it reasonable, They should be allowed Pay equal to his Majestys Troops upon the British Establishm^t And indeed they may think they have a Right to it upon the Assurance in the Proclamation (which I now inclose and refer you to) issued by this Government for Encouragement of the Levies in pursuance of his Majestys Commands signified by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle

I am Gentlemen

Your most obedient humble servant

Sam: Ogle.