

which Masters have in those servants there; it is at least equally so in Pensilvania, that the recruiting Officers in that Province should entertain such Servants when they voluntarily enlist into the Kings Regiments unless it can be shown that the Pensilvania Masters have some *special property* in their Servants which the Massachusetts' Masters have not and which destroys his Majestys' Right to their Service for the Defence of his American Dominions against the common Enemy; But this I have before observed is not founded in the nature of Government in general and is contrary to the Practice of it in the English Constitution.

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As to the enlisting of indented Servants into his Majestys Regiment upon the Establishment, whenever Officers of such Regiments have recruited within the Province of the Massachusetts Bay more or less of those Servants have ever inlisted into them particularly when recruiting Officers of the Forces employed in the Expedition against the spanish Settlements in the West Indies, arrived there from Jamaica many indented Servants inlisted with them and were transported to Cuba:

I am not ignorant that Pensilvania hath afforded great Numbers of Recruits to the Kings forces, but am not of Opinion with the Assembly that they are equal to those which have been raised in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, for my own and Sir William Pepperells Regiments, and the three Regiments of Nova Scotia within these fourteen Months, which may be computed at upwards of 1500, Men besides which near 6000 have been raised within it the last year for the Expeditions against the French Encroachments in Nova Scotia and against Crown Point; and the Number of Soldiers raised in it over and above all these for the Protection of its Frontier, exceeds I believe the Body of Men employed by the Governm<sup>t</sup> of pensilvania for the defence of theirs:

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The Assembly complain that their Province is extreamly drained of their Labourers I think Sir that Pensilvania hath not been near so much exhausted of them as the Massachusetts Bay hath been by his Majesty's Service: In the Expedition against Cape Breton that Province lost 2000 Men at least by Sea and Land and upwards of 500 the year following in the Protection of Nova Scotia, the employing of any considerable Body of Troops for the defence of the Frontier of Pensilvania is a new Service within that Government but hath ever taken up a great Number of Men in time of Peace as well as War within the Massachusetts' Bay: The Province of the Massachusetts Bay hath as few Slaves within it