

America being preparing to set out with all Expedition together with two Regiments of Foot, a Train of Artillery, and a sufficient quantity of Warlike Stores, which his Majesty has been pleased to order for the public Service in those parts: I am commanded to signify to you the Kings Pleasure, that you should be ready to give his Lordship, and the Troops from England, all the Assistance in your power on their Arrival in North America agreeable to the Orders sent you in Sir Thomas Robinson's Letter of the twenty sixth of October 1754.. and you will correspond with and apply to the Earl of Loudoun on all Occasions in the same manner as you were directed to do with the late General Braddock, and Major General Shirley.

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It being of great Importance, to the Kings Service that all possible ffacilities should be granted for the Encouragement of such persons, as may be inclined to enlist in the King's Troops, it is his Majestys pleasure that you should particularly recommend it to your Assembly to make provision out of such Funds as already exist, or may hereafter be raised for the King's Service, for repaying the Masters of such indented Servants as shall engage in his Majesty's Service, the Mony paid by the said Masters upon the original Contract, in proportion to the time such indented Servants have to serve, and you will at all times discourage the harbouring, concealing, or assisting such as shall desert the Service, and also use all means for discovering and apprehending such Deserters. you will likewise use your best Endeavours to prevail on your Assembly to appropriate such parts of the Funds now raised or which shall be raised for the public Service to be issued and applied to the General Service in such manner as the Commander in chief shall direct. p. 123

The King would have you recommend it in the strongest manner to your Council and Assembly to pass effectual Laws for prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with the ffrench, and for preventing the Exportation of Provisions of all Kinds to any of their Islands or Colonies.

I am S^r your most obedient humble Servant

H.. Fox

Whitehall 13th March 1756..

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I have acquainted you in my Letter of this Date, with the King's having appointed the Earl of Loudoun to be Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North America, but as it will be some time before his Lordship, or Major