

Lib. J. R. General Abercrombie (who is to be the next in Command to
& U. S. him) can set out from hence, the King has directed Colonel Webb (who will forward this Letter to you) to embark immediately for North America, & to take upon him the Command of the Forces there 'till the Arrival of Lord Loudoun, or Major General Abercrombie, you will therefore correspond with Colonel Webb, and give him all necessary Lights, and Assistancess in the same manner you were directed to do to the late General Braddock.

It having been represented that a considerable Number of the foreign Settlers in America might be more willing to enter into the Kings service if they were commanded by Officers of their own Country, An Act of parliam^t has been passed of which I send you inclosed a printed Copy, enabling his Majesty to grant Commissions to a certain Number of German, Swiss and Dutch protestants, who have served as Officers or Engineers, and as they have already engaged, they will embark with all Expedition, in order to assist in raising and commanding such of the foreign protestants in North America, as shall be able and willing to serve with the rest of the Forces upon this Occasion; and it is the Kings pleasure that you should give any of the said Officers who should come into your Government all the Assistance in your Power in the Execution of this Service.

p. 124 It being of the greatest Importance that his Majesty should in the present situation of Affairs be truly and exactly informed of the real State of Defence of all his Colonies in America, as well in relation to the Ordnance and Stores of War which are in each Colony respectively, as to the Forts and Fortifications, and the Number of their Inhabitants, It is the King's pleasure that you should prepare, and transmit to the Earl of Loudoun or to the Commander in chief of his Majesty's Forces for the time being, an exact and particular Account thereof, with respect to the Colony under your Government, in which you are to express the present actual State and Quantity of the Cannon, small Arms, Ammunition and other Ordnance and military Stores, belonging to the said Colony, either in the public Magazines, or in the possession of the Militia, or other private persons together with the true State of all Places, either already fortified, or which you judge forthwith necessary to be fortified, with your opinion at large in what manner his Majesty may further contribute to the Security and Defence of the said Colony, and also as exact an Account as you can obtain, of