

Lib. J. R.  
& U. S. Were my Hands strengthened to enable me to act I would not despair of retrieving this Misfortune, and to wrest out of the Hands of the French this important post that by a Series of bad Circumstances has fall'n too easy a prey to them.

I must in the strongest manner and from Motives of the most interesting Nature demand your Assistance, and that of your Province, his Majesty having been graciously pleased to send over to America, a Number of Officers for the Service of these Countries his Royal American Regiment of four Battalions, does expect that the Colonies will supply the Levies for this Regiment the State of the Service does now require that this Regiment should be immediately compleated. there is no Aid you could send me in any Shape would be so useful as Recruits to compleat this Regiment, as under such good Officers as his Majesty has appointed to it, they would be soon if not directly fit for Service.

The Levy Money is in all Justice and Right expected of the Colonies, but if Obstructions to the Service should arise within your province on this Head, I must at this time undertake to advance it.

I do therefore again in the strongest manner desire of you and your province that you will without fail as you shall answer for the Consequences use your utmost Endeavours to procure and send me a Number of such Recruits, If I had this Regiment compleated directly I should hope to be able to act and remove those dangerous Circumstances, under which his Majesty's Colonies do now labour, in consequence of his Majesty's positive Orders, I must require of you to lay a prohibition on the Exportation of all manner of provisions, as the sending out such at this time will not only supply the  
p. 132 French every where and enable them to act against us, but may in a very essential Manner, distress his Majesty's Service here, as I do not know how soon I may want all that the Colonies can furnish.

I am with great Truth and Regard.  
S<sup>t</sup> Your most obedient humble Servant  
Loudoun

Upon reading the said Letter it is the Advice of this Board, that the present General Assembly of this province which stands prorogued to the first Monday in October next do meet at the City of Annapolis on the second Tuesday in September next, and proclamations issued accordingly.