

Lib. J. R. His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the fol-
& U. S. lowing Minutes.

Minutes taken at a Meeting of the Governors of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Pensilvania, with the Earl of Loudoun Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces in North America began at Philadelphia 15th March, and continued by several Adjournments to March 1757.

The Meeting having been informed by the Earl of Loudoun that there was a Plan approved of by his Majesty of employing the greatest Part of the Troops this Campaign to the Northward, and that he had invited them to this Meeting, in order to concert in Conjunction with them a Plan for the Defence of the Southern Provinces whilst the other Operations were carrying on,

His Lordship further acquainted them that he was willing to leave for the Defence of the Southern Provinces one Battalion to be completed to one thousand Men, and the three independant Companies in South Carolina of one hundred Men each which may amount to two hundred effective Men.

And that he thought it necessary for the Security of the Whole, that the several Provinces should furnish by the following Proportions.

Pensilvania	1400
Maryland	500
Virginia	1000
North Carolina	400
South Carolina	500
which joined to the King's Troops	} 1200
make in the Whole	5000 Men.

And the several Governors do engage to use their best Endeavours with their several Provinces to raise and support the above Number to act in Conjunction with the regular Forces, and under the Command of his Majesty's General, or the Officer properly authorized according to his Majestys Regulation.

The Meeting taking into Consideration the Situation of the several Provinces, and the Intelligence received from different parts, it appears to them that there is Danger of the Enemies making an Attack upon the Province of South Carolina, either by Sea from Saint Domingo or from the Albarno Fort in the Creek Indians County, on the Head of the Mobile.