

Lib. J. R. and Assembly for the punctual and immediate Execution of
& U. S. these his Majesty's Commands. I am likewise to acquaint
you that the Earl of Loudoun is directed to send forthwith
to Virginia a Battalion of regular Forces to be employed, as
the Exigency shall require for the Succour and Defence of
the said Province of Virginia, South Carolina or any other of
the Southern Provinces.

I am Sir

Your most obed^t humble Serv^t,
Governor of Maryland W.. Pitt.

New York May 5th 1757

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As I have received a Copy of a Letter from one of his Majesty's principal Secretary's of State to you, signifying his Majesty's Pleasure that you should apply to your Council and Assembly in the strongest manner to raise with the utmost Expedition as large a Number of Provincial Troops as may be for the Service of the ensuing Campaign over and above what they shall judge necessary for the immediate Defence of their own Province. And as I am now preparing agreeable to his Majesty's Orders to me to leave this Province with the Transports in order to join the Fleet, and Succours from Europe, It's necessary to acquaint you that I shall leave Major General Webb to command at Albany and the Forts with a Body of his Majesty's regular Forces together with the Troops raised by the Northern Colonies, who will have the principal Command during my Absence. And that in Consequence of the Plan settled at the Meeting I had with the Governors of the Southern Provinces at Philadelphia, I leave Colonel Stanwix with 5. Companies of the first Battalion of the Royal American Regiment to take Post in the Back Parts of Pensilvania, and to have the Command of the remaining Part of the Pensilvania Troops, the Troops raised in Maryland, and the remaining Part of the Troops raised in Virginia. And that I detach Lieutenant Colonel Bouquet with the other 5: Companies of that Battalion to South Carolina, who carries with him two hundred of the Pensilvania Troops four hundred of the Virginia Troops, and have ordered two hundred of the Troops raised by North Carolina to meet him in South Carolina where he is to take the Command of his Majesty's three independent Companies, and likewise of the Troops raised by the Province of South Carolina for the Security of that, and the most southernly Provinces. And in Order to prevent any Dispute hereafter, it will be necessary here to remind you, that at that Meeting it was settled and is agreeable to his Majesty's