

Orders from his principal secretary of State that I should supply the Provincial Troops detached from Pensilvania, Virginia, and North Carolina to South Carolina but that the Provincial Troops who remain and are employed for the Defence of their respective Provinces should be entirely supported and maintained by the Provinces by whom they are raised. As the Plan we had settled before the Arrival of his Majesty's Orders by his principal Secretary of State, I hope if punctually and speedily executed on your Part will prevent any immediate Danger, I must recommend it to you in the most earnest Manner that you will immediately in Consequence of his Majesty's Orders signified to you set about raising and getting in Readiness, a considerable Force to be ready to join and support the Troops already agreed upon to be raised for the public Service.

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And that you will in the mean time give Orders that the Militia of your province should be properly armed and furnished with Ammunition, and have a standing Order to march to the Aid and Assistance of the Forces already appointed on the Requisition of the Commander of them, and that this Order should be more particularly given and enforced in such Parts of your Province as are most nearly situated to those Forces or the Passes through which the Enemy can enter without waiting for any further Orders from you: From your Zeal for the Public Service I cannot doubt of your complying with this Recommendation, and hope if the necessary Orders are given, and strictly obeyed by them to receive the same Benefit from your Militia that we did lately on the Enemy's Attempt on Fort William Henry from the Militia in the upper parts of this Country. I shall send a Copy of this to Col^o Stanwix, to whom by Philadelphia I desire you will communicate the Orders you give, and to whom, that he may know what Officers of your Militia to call upon on any Emergency, and that you will likewise transmit a Copy to me at New York.

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I am with great Regard Sir
Your most obed^t hble Serv^t
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It is the Opinion and Advice of this Board to his Excellency that as the Assembly is but just prorogued it would not be of any Service to call them together again immediately but that the following Proclamation should issue, and that Letters be sent to the Colonels of Frederick & Baltimore Counties.