

patched from time to time to the said Commander of his Majesty's Ships, with such Accounts, as you shall have occasion to communicate to him. It is also his Majesty's further Pleasure, that you should use all legal Methods, whenever the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships shall apply to you to raise such a Number of Seamen from time to time, as shall be wanted to recruit the Ships in North America

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I am  
Gvernor of Maryland. Sir

your most obedient  
humble Servant  
W.. Pitt

Newark in Halifax Harbour 10: July 1757.

Sir

I herewith enclose a Letter from one of his Majesty's principal Secretarys of State for your Honor. I beg Leave to acquaint your Honor that I am come here with a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships to protect the Colonies and Trade of his Majestys Subjects, and I shall be glad you will acquaint me whenever I can be of Service, and that you will likewise communicate to me any Intelligence you may get of the Enemy's Motions from Time to Time. It being of the greatest Consequence that the Squadron under my Command in these Seas should be kept in a proper Condition in Regard to being manned, so as always to enable them to meet the Enemy, who are very strong at present here I must pray your Assistance in procuring Men for the Ships which are very deficient occasioned by Sickness, and if not completed may be of the greatest Prejudice to the whole Nation, I shall not doubt of your Assistance in this, as I have his Majesty's Directions for applying to you, and if Men can be supplied for the Fleet without impressing, you may be assured the Vessels of your Government shall pass unmolested, only in case any Vessel is found carrying off Seamen belonging to the Men of War or Transports (clandestinely) as I my self know they have frequently done, the Consequences will be greatly to their Prejudice, and they must submit to what will follow: I must pray your enforcing this in the strongest Manner, and am

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Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Fra: Holburne.

To

The Deputy Governor of his Majesty's  
Province of Maryland, in America.