

Lib. J. R. as above, According as the Active Vigour and strenuous  
& U. S. Efforts of the respective provinces shall justly appear to  
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It is his Majestys pleasure that you do with particular Diligence, immediately Collect, and put into the best Condition, all the Arms Issued Last Campaign which can be any ways rendered serviceable, or that can be found within your Government in order that the same may be employed as far as they will go, in this Exigency. I am at the same time to acquaint you that a reasonable Supply of Arms will be sent from England to replace such as may have been Lost or become unfit for Future Service.

I am further to Inform you that similar orders are sent, by this Conveyance to Pensylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The Northern Governments are also directed to raise men in the same manner to be employed in such Offensive operations as the Circumstances and Scituation of the Enemys possessions in those parts may point out, which it is hoped will oblige them so to divide their attention and Forces as will Render the several Attempts more easy and successfull.

It is unnecessary to add any thing to animate your Zeal in the Execution of his Majestys Orders, on this great occasion, where the future safety and Welfare of America and of your own province in particular are at Stake, and the king doubts not from your known Fidelity and Attachment, that you will employ your self, with the utmost Application and Dispatch in this urgent and Decisive Crisis

I am Sir

Your most obedient, humble Servant  
W: Pitt:

New York Decem<sup>r</sup> 13. 1758.

Sir

The King having been pleased to appoint me Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North America and having at the same time signified to me his Royal pleasure that I should correspond with and apply to all his Governors on the Continent for their Aid and Assistance in carrying on the Services pointed out to me, I am in obedience to those Commands, to Acquaint you, that altho I have not as yet any particular Orders Relative to the operations of the ensuing Campaign I imagine they will require the Same Number of provincial Troops that were voted by the respective provinces and Colonies this year, and it will Likewise be necessary, in order to carry those operations the more effectually