

into Execution that those Troops should be at the place of Rendezvous as early in the Spring as possible I would therefore recommend it to you if the Troops raised by your province for the services of Last Campaign are not already disbanded that you move your Assembly to Continue them in their pay during the Winter which will not only be a great saving in point of Time, but by what I can understand a great Saving of expence to the province Wherefore I should hope you will the more easily succeed in your application, but if it should so happen that before the receipt of this Letter those Troops had already been Disbanded, in that case, I must desire, that you will loose no Time in using your Influence with your Assembly to move them to order new Levies and to Cause these to be provided with the usual necessary's and to be ready by the Time the Season will Admitt their Taking the Field.

Having also received his Majestys orders to recruit and Compleat the Regiments now serving on the Continent, I am Likewise to beg your Countenance and protection to the officers I shall have occasion to send as well as to those that have already been sent by my Predecessor, on that Service, and that you will be aiding and Assisting unto them in the Execution thereof

I am with great Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Jeff. Amherst

Whitehall 29 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1758.

Sir

In transmitting to you the inclosed Duplicate of my Letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant I have the Kings particular commands to renew and enforce, in the strongest manner the Necessity of a punctual compliance with the orders therein contained, and you will Accordingly urge in the most expressive Terms to the Council and Assembly of your province the Importance of their Exerting themselves in the present critical and Decisive moment in which their own Interests and security are so nearly concerned that it would seem Superfluous to add the further motives of their duty to the king and of the Gratitude they owe to this Country for the very great expence and succours Supplied for their Immediate Defence, and for the future safety of all their rights and possessions in America, and the levying the men to be furnished by the Several provinces, without any Delay, and in such time, that they may not fail to be at the rendezvous that shall be ap-