

to Co-operate with, and second to the utmost the large Ex-
pence & Extraordinary Succours supplied by this Kingdom, Lib. J. R.
for their Preservation and future Security; And his Majesty & U. S.
considering that the several Provinces from Pensilvania
inclusive to the Southward are well able with proper En-
couragements to furnish a Body of several Thousand Men to
join the Kings Forces in those Parts for some Offensive Op-
erations against the Enemy; And his Majesty not judging
it expedient to Limit the Zeal and Ardour of any his Prov-
inces by making a Repartition of the Forces to be Raised by
each respectively, for the most important Service I am Com-
manded to Signify to you the Kings Pleasure that you do
forthwith use your utmost Endeavours and Influence with
the Council and Assembly of your Province to induce them
to raise with all possible Dispatch within your Government
as large a Body of Men as the Number & Situation of its
Inhabitants may allow (in the due Performance of which
Service, it is hoped & expected they will not again Fail in
their Duty to the King as they have done the two last Cam-
paigns) and forming the same into Regiments as far as shall
be found convenient that you direct them to hold themselves
in readiness as early as may be to March to the Rendezvous
at such Place or Places as may be named for that Purpose
by the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in
America, or by the Officer who shall be Appointed to Com-
mand the Kings Forces in those Parts, in Order to proceed
from thence in Conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's
British Forces and under the Supreme Command of the
Officer to be appointed as above so as to be in a Situation to
begin by the first of May if possible, or as soon after as shall
be any way practicable such Offensive Operations as shall
be Judged by the Commander of his Majestys Forces in those
parts most expedient for Annoying the Enemy, and the better
to facilitate this important Service the King is pleased to
leave it to you to issue Commissions to such Gentlemen of
your Province as you shall Judge from their weight & Credit
with the People and their Zeal for the Publick Service may
be best disposed & enabled to quicken & effectuate the speedy
Levying of the greatest number of Men in the Disposition of
which Commissions I am persuaded you will have nothing
in View but the good of the Kings Service & a due Subordi-
nation of the whole when joined to his Majesty's Commander
and all Officers of the Provincial Forces as high as Colonels
inclusive, are to have Rank according to their respective
Commissions agreeable to the Regulations contained in his
Majestys Warrant of the 30th December 1757.

The King is further pleased to furnish all the Men so