

L. H. J. Commis^{rs} from this Government, and such others upon the Continent, as are willing to engage therein for the mutual Security and Defence of the whole. There are now four Governments, with this to the Eastward, that have appointed Commis^{rs} for this End; and I cannot help repeating my Sollicitations to your Governments to accede to the like Measures, which consequently must Promote His Majesty's Service by being able to collect a strength sufficient to Annoy and defeat the Attempts of the Enemy who have fallen upon this and Boston Government in a very enterprizing manner, and have Committed many Cruel and inhuman Murders upon his Majesty's Subjects, should the City of Albany fall into their hands, it is thought the Governments to the westward cannot of themselves, sustain the Ravages of the Enemy, therefore must be exposed to the greater sufferings; which I conceive ought to be an Inducement for their joining more chearfully with this and the other Governments for the Good of the Common Cause.

I am very much S^r Y^r humble Servant

G. Clinton

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Boston the 2^d of June 1746

Therewith inclose a Proclamation which I have issued for raising Voluntiers for the intended Expedition, by which your Honour will perceive the Spirit of our General Assembly, and the Disposition which they have shewn to give the utmost Encouragement for promoting the undertaking, which considering what we have done and suffered in the late Expedition to Cape Breton is beyond what I could have Expected from them I hope your Assembly (who have done so little in the last Expedition) will not fall below us in this I cannot but think it will be of service, for all the Governments to enlist as many of their neighbouring Indians as they can provided they are of a warlike Disposition and Friends to the English Interest.

I am with great Regard S^r Your Honours most obedient humble Serv^t

W. Shirley

June 8th 1746. Since the writing of this by the Secretary which should have been sent by the last Post, I hear that the Government of New Hampshire has given Encouragement for raising 1000 men there and that of Connecticut for raising 600 men, and as many more as will Voluntarily enlist in that Colony, what Rhode Island has done I don't hear with Certainty, but they talk of 500 men to be raised

W. S.

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New York 16th June 1746

Pursuant to his Majesty's orders to me Signified by his Grace of Newcastle, I intend to be at Albany the 20th of next month, in order to make use of Proper measures to engage the six Nations of Indians to take part in the present Expedition against Canada; and I