

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
March 10

me to solicit the Govern^{rs} of the Rest of His Majesties Colonies to Join with us in this Necessary Expedient for our Common Safety.

Your Honour will observe that the Time for the Continuance of this Prohibition is Restrained to three Months, but if the other Governments should Join with us, I make no Doubt of bringing my Assembly to Extend it further.

It would give me great pleasure to have Your Honours Concurrency with me in sentiments Concerning what appears to me so Salutory a Measure at this Conjunction for the General Good of all his Majesty's Colonies in North America.

I have the Honour to be with the Greatest Respect
Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant
W Shirley.

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New York 24th February 1755.

Sir

On Wednesday last the Assembly of this Province was adjourned to the 2^d Tuesday in March, after I had given my Assent to three Bills One to regulate the Militia, another for Emitting Bills to the sum of £45000. £3000. of which for Fortifications in this City and on the Northern Frontier the Third is the Act Herewith Inclosed, by which you will See that the Governor with the Advice of the Council is Empowered to Restrain the sending Provisions to Cape Breton &c^a. I hope the other Governments on the Continent will fall into the like Measure, that the Good Intentions of this Law may not be frustrated, for it would be unreasonable and would not answer the purpose that the Trade of One Province should be Restrained, while the others are left at Liberty: I hope you will prevail with your Assembly to fall into a Measure so very proper at this Time and that all the Provinces will Concur, that his Majesty's Subjects may no Longer by Supplying the French with Provisions Enable them to Carry on their pernicious Designs. You will observe that the Act is to Continue for four Months, but I think I may Venture to assure you, that if the other Provinces come into the Like Measure, this Assembly will readily Renew the Act as Long as it can be of any Service. I had the pleasure by Last Saturdays Post to hear from M^r Shirley that in Massachusetts Bay they had passed a Law for this purpose. I am

£5000 is given for Provisions
& other Contingencys in Case his
Majesty's Troops Come into this
Province.

S^r
Your most Obedient, &
Most humble servant
James De Lancey

On reading and considering his Excellency's Message, and the several Letters and Papers therein referred to: Resolved unanimously,