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Sir.

His Majesty having nothing so much at heart as to improve the great and important Advantages gained the last Campaign in North America, and not doubting that all his faithful and brave subjects there will continue most chearfully to co-operate with, and second to the Utmost the large expence and Extraordinary succours supplied by His Kingdom, for their preservation and future Security; and his Majesty considering that the several Provinces from Pensylvania inclusive to the Southward are well able with Proper Encouragements, to furnish a Body of Several Thousand Men to join the Kings Forces in those parts for some Offensive Operations against the Enemy; and his Majesty not Judgeing it expedient to Limit the Zeal and ardour of any of his provinces by making a Repartition of the Forces to be raised by each respectively, for the most important Service I am Commanded to signifie 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 and Scituation of it's Inhabitants may allow (in the due Performance of which service, it is hoped and expected they will not again Fail in their Duty to the King as they have done the two last Campaigns) and forming the same into regiments as far as shall be found Convenient that you do 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 Majestys Forces in America, or by the Officer who shall be Appointed to command the Kings Forces in those parts, in Order to proceed from thence in Conjunction with a Body of his Majestys British Forces and under the Supreme Command of the Officer to be Appointed as above, so as to be in a Scituation 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 and Credit with the people and their Zeal for the Publick Service may be best disposed and enabled to quicken and effectuate the Speedy Levying of the Greatest number of men in the Disposition of which Commission I am persuaded you will have nothing in View but the Good of the Kings Service and a due Subordination of the whole when joined to his Majestys 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

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