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and Security of the Southern Colonies, he proposed to leave one Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, besides his Majesty's Three independent Companies that were in South-Carolina, and that he thought it necessary for the better Security of the said Colonies, that they should themselves furnish 3800 Men, viz. Pennsylvania 1400, Maryland 500, Virginia 1000, North-Carolina 400, and South-Carolina 500: That one Half of the abovementioned Battalion, 200 of the Men that were to be furnished by the Province of Pennsylvania, 400 of the Virginia Troops, and 200 of the Soldiers that were, according to his Lordship's Proposition, to be raised in North-Carolina, should be sent to South-Carolina, there to act in Conjunction with the 500 Men that were to be furnished by that Government, and the abovementioned Independent Companies; that the rest of the Troops which should be raised and supported by North-Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, should be employed for the Defence of those Colonies, in such Manner as his Lordship, or the Officer that he should leave with the other Five Companies of the Royal American Battalion, to command them, should think fit; and that the whole 500 Men, which this Province was required and expected to furnish, should be employed for the immediate Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants; I met the General Assembly of this Province the 8th of April, and communicated to both Houses the Plan which had been concerted for the Security of the Southern Colonies, and recommended it to them to provide for the Support of the Number of Men that were required as the Quota of this Province, which they did before the End of the Session, by appropriating to that Use what remained of the Money which had been granted the Year before for his Majesty's Service. On the 12th of April (which was before the Bill for making such an Appropriation was framed) I sent the Lower House a Message to inform them, that the Virginia Troops which had been some Time posted at Fort Cumberland, had received Orders to evacuate that Place, and to embark for South-Carolina, and that Captain Dagworthy (who was the eldest Officer in the Maryland Forces) had thereupon marched with a Detachment of those Forces, to garrison that Fort, the Earl of Loudoun having thought that Step necessary, and for his Majesty's Service.

On the 16th of April, it was Resolved by the then Lower House, "That a Number not exceeding 500 Men (including Officers and those already raised) should be kept in Pay for his Majesty's Service, and for the more immediate Protection and Defence of this Province." A Bill was accordingly brought in, and passed both Houses; but while it lay before me for my Perusal and Consideration, I was told by several Gentlemen, that those who had penned some Clauses of it, wherein the Word Frontier was used, seem'd to have been studious to lay a Foundation for Disputes; that while some