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position and Endeavours to restore the Public Tranquility, entirely frustrated by the Insincerity and Chicane of the Court of Versailles, hath resolved to prosecute the War with the utmost Vigour, in hopes of reducing the Enemy by such Measures to the Necessity of accepting Peace on Terms of Glory and advantage to his Majesty's Crown and permanently beneficial to his American Subjects

Convinced that nothing can so effectually contribute to this great and essential Object, as his being enabled immediately to employ in Offensive Operations against the Enemy, such part of his Regular Forces still in North America, as may be adequate to some great and important Enterprize, the King hath ordered the Commander in Chief of his Forces on this Continent to take Measures, and proceed accordingly; and that the full and entire Security, as well of his former Dominions as of those which in the Course of the War have been acquired by Conquest in North America, may, during the Absence of such Regular Forces be effectually provided for, his Majesty is pleased once more to call upon his good Subjects on this Continent for such a supply of Provincial Troops as their Circumstances, Situation, and Number of Inhabitants, may allow or enable the several Provinces to raise cloath and pay, that the Burthen on the Colonies may be as light as possible, the Men will be supplied with Arms, Tents, and Provisions, in the same manner as are the Regular Forces, and that even the Expence of rasing Cloathing and paying the Provincials required may be lessened and no encouragment be wanting to incite the Colonies to the fullest Exertion of their Force his Majesty hath been most graciously pleased to permit the Secretary of State to assure us, that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament in their Session next year to grant a proper
p. 3 Compensation for such Expence, according as the Active Vigour and Strenuous Efforts of the respective Provinces shall justly appear to merit

As you Gentlemen of the Lower House must be the best judges of the Circumstances of your Constituents and what number of Troops it would be possible to raise here for the service of the ensuing Campaign I leave that matter entirely to your determination but as it is very essential to the Services S.^r Jeffery Amherst hath in Command from the King that you should come to a speedy Resolution, and the General be informed what Number of Men he may expect from this Province and when the Maryland Troops will be ready to march, I entreat you take the Earl of Egremonts and his Excellencys Letters immediately into Consideration and with the utmost dispatch to prepare a Bill for raising the most expeditious manner the Number of Men you may agree to furnish as the quota of this Province. Gentlemen Relying on your desire to preserve this Province from the dreadful Consequence, which the Earl of Egremont by his Majesty's express commands tell us cannot fail to attend