

State, and his Excellency Sir Jeffery Amherst, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North-America, it appears that our most gracious Sovereign has nothing so much at Heart, as to secure and improve the great and important Advantages gained since the Commencement of this War in North-America, and having seen his good Dispositions to restore the public Tranquility entirely frustrated, thinks nothing can so effectually contribute to the great and essential Object of reducing the Enemy to the Necessity of accepting a Peace, on Terms of Glory and Advantage to his Majesty's Crown, and beneficial, in particular, to his Subjects in America, as his being enabled to employ, as immediately as may be, such Part of the Regular Forces in North-America, as may be adequate to some great and important Enterprize against the Enemy: His Majesty therefore has required of this Province, as large a Body of Men to be raised, with all possible Dispatch, as the Number and Situation of its Inhabitants may allow; and as his Majesty has been pleased to signify, that the whole he requires, is the Levying, Cloathing and Pay of the Men so to be raised, and that no Encouragement may be wanting to the fullest Exertion of our Force, strong Recommendations will also be made to Parliament in their Sessions next Year, to grant a proper Compensation for such Expences as may be incurred thereby, according as our active Vigour and strenuous Efforts may justly appear to merit: In order therefore, to answer his Majesty's Royal Expectations, we do pray that it may be Enacted.

XXIV. And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the Sum of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred and thirteen Pounds, or as much thereof as may be necessary, shall be applied to the Levying, Cloathing and Paying of Four Hundred Men, Officers included, to be employed in North-America, under the supreme Command of his Excellency General Amherst, or any other Person duly authorized, in such Manner as he shall judge most conducive to the said important Purposes of defending this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, and securing the Possession of his Conquests in North-America, until the First Day of April, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, and no longer, unless his Majesty's Commander in Chief, or other Person properly authorised, shall think fit to dismiss the said Men, or any Part of them, before that Time, which said Men shall be paid by Muster-Rolls, to be taken and returned in the same Manner as is used and practised among his Majesty's Regular Forces, after the following Rates; That is to say, To four Captains, each having the Command of Ninety-nine Men (Officers included) Ten Shillings per Day; To eight Lieutenants, each Six