

upon the most proper measures to be taken for the general Interest of the  
Common Cause, the next Spring, may have a good Effect for his Majesty's  
Service, I mention it to your Excellency for your Consideration and that  
do the same to the other Gov<sup>rs</sup> in a circular Letter. if such a Conference  
shall be thought advisable, I would propose New York for the Place of  
meeting, and the 15<sup>th</sup> of November the time for it, as I shall be there in  
my Return to Boston, where I must be present early in December,

As I think a very early Campaign the next year necessary, I have  
sent Orders to Gen<sup>l</sup> Dunbar the commanding officer of his Majesty's two  
British Regiments and two Independent Companies of New York to March  
those Troops directly to Albany, where I design their Winter Quarters  
shall be, and to leave at this Place as many of the Troops now with me  
as can be supported during the Winter, that they may be asembled ready  
to act either Separately or in conjunction with such Provincial Troops  
as the Colonies shall think fit to raise ag<sup>t</sup> the French Settlements either  
upon the Lakes & Ohio, which last Place is very acceptable thro' that  
Route, or ag<sup>t</sup> any part of Canada, as his Majesty's Service and the general  
Interest of the Colonies may most require.

The first thought of having a Meeting with Commissioners from  
the Colonies was suggested to me from the inclosed Extract.

As Gen<sup>l</sup> Dunbar and the late Gen<sup>l</sup> Peter Kettle Regiments  
have been greatly reduced by the Defeat of the late Major General Bradock  
in their March to the Ohio for the Protection and Service of the several  
Colonies of Pennsylvania, Maryland & Virginia in Particular; and his  
Majesty's Service and their further Protection require that those  
Regiments should be compleated to 1000 Men each by the beginning of  
the Spring I can't but hope that the three before mentioned Govern<sup>rs</sup>  
will readily make grants for supplying Gen<sup>l</sup> Dunbar & Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage  
with levy Money for that Purpose, and that your Honour will be pleas'd  
to Recommend it in the strongest Terms to the Assembly within your  
own Government, I have writ to Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris & Gen<sup>l</sup> Dunbar to do to  
the same Effect. I am with great Regard

Your Honour's Most Humble & Most Obedt<sup>t</sup>  
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Extract of an account of the proceedings of the New Jersey  
Assembly drawn up at the request of the Governor De Lancey  
by Mr. Alexander a Member of his Majesty's Council for the  
Provinces of New York & New Jersey, communicated to Major  
General Shirley by the Governor.

Members of the Assembly heartily wish that a Congress of Commissioners  
should meet with Major General Shirley at Albany or where else he  
would be pleas'd to appoint in October or November next, to Agree