

I am not ignorant that Pennsylvania hath afforded great Numbers of Recruits to the Kings Forces, but am not of Opinion with the Assembly that they are equal to those which have been raised in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, for my own and Sir William Appolls Regiments, and the three Regiments of Nova Scotia) within these fourteen Months, which may be computed at upwards of 1500 Men besides which near 6000 have been raised within it the last Year for the Expeditions against the French Encroachments in Nova Scotia and against Crown Point, and the Number of Soldiers raised in it over and above all these for the Protection of its Frontier, exceeds I believe the Body of Men employed by the Govern^{mt} of Pennsylvania in the defence of theirs:

The Assembly complain that their Province is extremely drained of their Labourers, I think it that Pennsylvania hath not been near so much exhausted of them as the Massachusetts Bay hath been by his Majesty's Service: for the Expedition against Cape Breton that Province lost 2000 Men at least by Sea and Land and upwards of 500 the year following in the Protection of Nova Scotia, the employing of any considerable Body of Troops for the defence of the Frontier of Pennsylvania is an unservice within that Government but hath ever taken up a great Number of Men in time of Peace as well as War within the Massachusetts Bay: The Province of the Massachusetts Bay hath as few Slaves within it as Pennsylvania, the Number of its Inhabitants constantly employed in its Fisheries, Ship building, Lumber Trade, & Navigation, greatly diminish the Number of its Hands for Agriculture & other Labour; and it hath not the Benefit of those Resources for augmenting its Inhabitants from the northern parts of Germany &c. which hath for many years so greatly increased the People of Pennsylvania, yet thus exhausted as it is, Govern^{mt} raises no Obstacles to the recruiting of his Majesty's Forces within it, and hath besides cheerfully voted to raise a Number of Troops, which amounts to a ninth Part of its fighting Men this Year towards the Defence of his just Rights & Dominions upon this Continent; an Example which I can't but hope the Assembly will think the Interest of the Province, as well as their Duty to the Crown call upon them to follow:

The Assembly observe by their Petition how great a Quantity of Provision is their Province supplies the Kings Army with, this do's seem to be an Advantage which should make them easier under the Inconveniences which attend his Majesty's Service in other Respects; and when they consider that all the Men which are now drawing out of Pennsylvania for recruiting the Kings Forces will be employed in that part of his Service, which more immediately concerns the