

the General Service in such manner as the Commander in Chief of all his

The King should have you recommended in the strongest manner to your Council and Assembly to pass effectual Laws for prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with the French, and for preventing the Exportation of Provisions of all Kinds to any of their Islands or Colonies.

Yours most obedient humble servant
H. Fox

Whitehall 13th March 1756

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I have acquainted you in my Letter of this Date, with the King having appointed the Earl of Loudoun to be Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North America, but as it will be some time before his Lordship, or Major General Abercrombie who is to be the next in Command to him can set out from hence, the King has directed Colonel Webb, who will forward this Letter to you, to embark immediately for North America, & to take upon him the Command of the Forces there till the Arrival of Lord Loudoun, or Major General Abercrombie; you will therefore correspond with Colonel Webb, and give him all necessary Lights, and Assistance in the same manner you were directed to do to the late General Braddock.

It having been represented that a considerable Number of the foreign Settlers in America might be more willing to enter into the King's Service if they were commanded by Officers of their own Country, an Act of Parliament has been passed of which I send you inclosed a printed Copy, enabling his Majesty to grant Commissions to a certain Number of German, Swiss and Dutch Protestants, who have served as Officers or Engineers, and as they have already engaged, they will embark with all Expedition, in order to assist in raising and commanding such of the foreign Protestants in North America, as shall be able and willing to serve with the rest of the Forces upon this Occasion; and it is the King's Pleasure that you should give any of the said Officers who should come into your Government all the Assistance in your Power in the Execution of this Service.

It being of the greatest Importance that his Majesty should in the present Situation of Affairs, be truly and exactly informed of the real State of Defence of all his Colonies in America, as well in relation to the Ordnance and Stores of War which are in each Colony respectively, as to the Forts and Fortifications, and the Number of their Inhabitants, It is the King's Pleasure that you should prepare, and transmit to the Earl of