

understand I have done with Sheward to those which was to Fort Cumberland from the first it could have been able to procure but that does not come to be the Question for if they will consider what has happened in almost all the other Provinces they will find that they are single in the Opinion of the King's Power of marching the Provincial Troops into other Provinces.

At the Meeting at Philadelphia it was settled last Spring that South Carolina was in Danger of a more powerful Invasion from the Enemy than they were able alone to resist therefore it was agreed that it was necessary they should have an additional Force sent to their Assistance composed partly of regular Troops and partly of Troops raised in other Provinces and two hundred Men did accordingly sail from Virginia and were now with them and the Troops from South Carolina were in Reading to go but were prevented by Letters from the Commanding Officer there on the Arrival of a Regiment of Sheward's Men from Europe so that they did not then stand in Need of them; there is an Instance in Kent in the very next Province who were likewise to have made up their Quota of Troops to two Men if they were found necessary for that Service in South Carolina.

I do further to illustrate this Point let them reflect that the Provincial Troops in the more northern Provinces that is those of New Hampshire Massachusetts Bay Rhode Island Connecticut and the Jerseys have for three Years last past been serving in the Province of New York there was an Attempt about 10 Months ago to have restrained Part of those Troops within certain Bounds to serve particular Purposes, altho' they never thought of carrying that Point so far as to restrain them within their own Province and the Moment that Intention appeared the Ministry immediately interposed and no such Measures have been attempted since.

Altho' the Prerogative is undisputed every where I have thought it necessary to mention these few Instances in their Neighbourhood to shew them the Singularity of their Opinion and Proceedings the consequence of which I foresee are mentioned in a former Letter and warned them of in the Letter I had the Honour to write you of the 27th of June. It were worse than to throw open the Frontiers of their own Province to open a Door to the Enemy in the very Heart of his Majesty's Dominion in North America. As this is the fair State of the Affair I cannot doubt that those Gentlemen considering really on the Affair will from their Care for the Preservation of the Lives and Properties of their fellow Subjects from their Zeal for the common Cause of all North America and their Duty to the King propose such an Act as is not only agreeable to the Instructions but agreeable to our happy Constitution of Government in the British