

Governments in North America for such Aid and Assistance as are necessary for carrying on the War in this Country which is likewise fully expressed in the several Letters transmitted to his Majesty's Secretary of State down from Sir Thomas Robinson's Letters to them of the twenty sixth of October 1758: to this Time desiring that they should correspond and co-operate with his Majesty's Commanders in Chief for the Service in North America, and that they will use their utmost Endeavours to induce their Councils and Assemblies to give the necessary Orders for raising their Quotas of Men with the greatest Expedition so that they may be ready to march to such Places as the Commanders in Chief shall direct.

In consequence of which Orders I do now apply to you to use your utmost Endeavour with your Council and Assembly to furnish a Body of four hundred good Men, and that as many of them as possible should be used to ranging to act in conjunction with his Majesty's Forces the next Spring, in carrying on vigorous and offensive Measures against the Enemy over and above what is necessary for the Defence of your own Posts on the Frontiers of your Province, and this Body should be ready to march by the Beginning of April.

As this will occasion the raising an additional Number to what your Province now have, I would propose to you that the Addition should be raised only for the Campaign, and to be dismissed at the End of it, by which Means I am of Opinion that it will not only be less expensive to the Province but you will the sooner complete your Quota with good Men as they will be enabled to return to their own Habitations in the Winter.

I am the further induced to expect that they will readily comply with this Request that I will as soon as they join his Majesty's Forces supply them with the Kings Provisions at the Expence of the Crown which will greatly ease their Province in that material Article, and as the Service I propose to employ them on, will be an immediate Benefit and Security to your Province.

I need use no Arguments to induce you who are so well acquainted with the Interest of this Country to use your utmost Endeavours to forward this Measure so essential for carrying on the War, and the Safety of your own Province.

I am with great Regards Sir,
 To Gov^r Sharpe. Your most obedient humble Servant
 Loudoun