

Government as the Number and Situation of its Militia may allow, all which has already been strongly recommended to you by his Majesty's Secretary of State as likewise several other Matters contained in the same Letter which for the sake of brevity I shall avoid repeating and solely refer myself to, as it is so full that I do not think it can want any additions, so far I will venture to go for your further guidance as to the Number of Provincial Troops that may be wanted for his Majesty's Service in those Quarters to six Thousand to be furnished by Virginia Maryland, and Pennsylvania in such proportions, and upon the Terms set forth in the above quoted Letter of Mr. Secretary Pitt, to his Majesty's Governors in North America.

I am at the same time to acquaint you that as it is absolutely necessary for his Majesty's Service that an immediate Embargo should be laid on all Ships in the different Ports of the respective Provinces in North America, and as you have already been forewarned, that whenever such Directions should be transmitted to you by his Majesty's Commander in Chief in those Parts you should without any the least Difficulty comply therewith, I make no Doubt that upon Receipt hereof you will forthwith publish the said Embargo which is to hold good until such Time as you receive Notice from me to take off the same which you may depend on being transmitted to you as soon as his Majesty's Service will allow of it.

I have nothing further to add but to desire that you will give me the earliest Notice possible of the Success you meet with in your Applications to your Council & Assembly, and what Resolutions they are or are likely to come to upon the Subject of the Troops to be raised by them conformable to his Majesty's Directions, especially as the Season is so far advanced, and there is no time to lose.

I am with great Regard Sir your most obed. humble Servant

James Abercromby.

L. 1. The Embargo took Place in
the Port Yesterday.

Ordered that the following Letter be sent to the Officers of the Customs in the several Ports within this Province.

It being recommended to me by the honourable James Abercromby Esq. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North America as a Matter of the greatest Importance that an Embargo should be laid on the said Ports within my