

may point out which it is hoped will oblige them so to Divide their Attention and Forces as will render the several Operations more easy and successful.

It is unnecessary to add any thing to convince your Lord in the Execution of his Majesty's Orders on this great Occasion where the future Liberty and Welfare of America and of your own Provinces in Particular are so nearly concerned: And the King doubts not from your known Fidelity and Attachment that you will employ yourself with the utmost Application & Dispatch in this promising & Decisive Service

I am with great Truth & regard Sir  
Your most obedient humble Servant  
W. Pitt

Sir  
New York 21<sup>st</sup> February 1760.

With his Majesty's Commands for the Reduction of Canada received last Night, I likewise had a copy of Mr. Pitt's Circular Letter to the Southern and Northern Governors of the 7<sup>th</sup> January last, the original of which you enclosed, and whereby you will see, that his Majesty having nothing so much at Heart as to improve the great and important Advantage gained the last Campaign in North America and not doubting that all his faithful and brave Subjects there will continue most cheerfully to co-operate with and second to the utmost the large Expence of extraordinary succours supplied by the Kingdom of Great Britain for their Preservation and future Security; and his Majesty considering that the several Provinces from Pennsylvania inclusive to the Southward are well able with proper Encouragements to furnish a Body of several thousand Men to join the King's Forces in these parts for some Offensive Operations against the Enemy and his Majesty not judging it expedient to limit the Number and Extent of any of his Provinces by making a Repartition of the Forces to be Raised by each respectively for this most important Service he (Mr. Secretary Pitt) is commanded to signify to you the King's Pleasure, that you do forthwith use your utmost Endeavours and Influence with the Council and Assembly of your Province to induce them to raise with all possible Dispatch within your Government as large a Body of Men as the Number and Situation of its Inhabitants may allow (in the due performance of which Service it is hoped and expected they will not upon fail in their duty to the King, as they have done the two last Campaigns) and forming the same into Regiments as far as shall be found convenient that you do direct them to hold themselves in readiness as early as may be to March to the Rendezvous at such Place or Places as may be named for that Purpose by the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in America or by the Officer who shall be appointed to command the King's Troops in these parts in order to proceed from thence in conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's British Troops and under the supreme Command of the Officer to be appointed as above so as to be in a Situation to begin by the first of May if possible or as soon after as shall be anywise practicable such Offensive Operations as shall be judged by the Commanders of his Majesty's Forces in these parts most expedient for Annoying the Enemy.

In the King's Directions on the foregoing Subject are so fully stated in the above abstract I have only to request that you would use your utmost Endeavours to incite & encourage your Assembly to the full & due Execution of the King's Commands in a matter so essential to the future Welfare and Prosperity of the several Provinces and the Success of the ensuing decisive and (it is greatly hoped) last Campaign in North America: Which desirable end cannot be better Attained than by commencing the Operations as early as shall be practicable, and that nothing may be left undone that it is possible for me to attempt in the Execution of his Majesty's Commands I must be urgent with you to quicken your Zeal and your Province so that there may be assembled at the Rendezvous which I shall hereafter appoint by the tenth of April at furthest.

I have also in Command from his Majesty to recommend to you the Collecting & putting into a proper Condition all the Arms which can be anywise rendered serviceable or that can be found within your Government in order that the same may be employed, as far as they will go in this Exigency: No further Reason for which I refer you to any Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 1759 and now offer you the same Encouragement I did then viz<sup>t</sup> that for every one of such Arms as any of your Men shall bring with them & that may be repaired or lost in Actual Service I will pay at the Rate of twenty five Shillings a Piece. From this Encouragement your known Fidelity & Attachment to his Majesty I have no Doubt of your besting yourself to the utmost on this great Occasion where the future Welfare & Liberty of America & of your own Provinces in Particular are so nearly concerned. I am with great Regard

Sir  
Your most obedient humble Servant  
J. Amhurst