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Companies from New York & South Carolina, amounting to about 260 Men. The South Carolina Companies are all excepting 40 or 50 Men disbanded; the Money that was granted for their Subsistence, being nearly expended: & the 300 Virginia Soldiers are by the late Engagement by Deaths, & by Desertion reduced to 140; 100 of whom the Governour will order out as a flying Camp to protect the Frontiers of Virginia this winter; & the other to rendezvous at White Oak, whether our 50 Men (for upon the Receipt of Govr. Denundies Lett. I declined completing the Company) are also sent to discipline themselves till there is a prospect of our acting with any Probability of Success, when I propose to render the Company perfect which can be done at any time in 3 Weeks or a Month. This Perverseness of the Virginia Assembly has induced the Governour to apply home as I am told some other Governours have also done for an Act of the British Legislature to be obligatory upon all the Governours equally & compel them to contribute their Quotas for the Defence & Protection of their Properties & His Majesty's American Dominions against any intruding Enemies. If it should be thought proper to bring in a Bill for that purpose the next Session of Parliamt. it is possible if not probable that one of these Methods might ^{be approved} for raising a Fund in the several Provinces. By imposing an equal Poll Tax, or By a Duty on the Importations