

to Letters which We had severally received from the Earl of Loudoun who intended to have met Us the 17th of last Month but by reason of some unavoidable Delay in the Northern Governments could not reach Phila before the 16th Inst. Since that time His Lordship has been pleased to communicate to Us his intended Plan of Operations for the ensuing Campaign & to signify what Assistance he expects & requires from the several Colonies with the Gov^t of which We have the honour to be intrusted. For the Defence of the Northern Colonies I find His L^{ty} intends to leave under the Command of General Webb one of the old Regiments the 8th York Independant Companies & a Battalion of the Royal Americans to be joined by about 5000 Provincials that the Eastern Colonies have engaged to furnish for that Service. For the better Defence of these Southern Colonies Colonel Stanwic will be ordered to encamp somewhere near the Frontiers of this Province with five Companies of the first Battalion of Royal Americans & the other half of the Battalion will be ordered to South Carolina under the Command of Lieut^{nt} Col^{el} Bouquet. It is proposed that 1500 Men shall be raised & supported by this Province of whom 1200 are to be disposed of on the Frontiers of Pennsylvania & the other 300 sent to South Carolina. That 500 Men shall be supported by the Province of Maryland on our own Frontiers viz^t 300 to garrison Fort Cumberland & 200 for Fort Frederick & to keep the Communication open between the two Places. The Virginians are to raise & support 1000 Men of whom 400 are to be sent to South Carolina & 600 posted on their own Frontiers. 400 Men are required of North Carolina, of whom 100 are to be ordered to