

are extremely sensible & I will not doubt but your Assembly
when they meet again will shew a just Regard to your
Recommendation of the Service to their Consideration, indeed
without large Assistance from the neighbouring Colonies
I despair of answering in the least His Majesty's Expectations
& Royal Intention in honouring me with such a Commission
& shall be under the disagreeable Necessity of accusing my
failure or Inaction to the want of such Succours as His
Majesty by one of his principal Secretaries of State gives
me room to expect from His good Subjects in that as
well as these Provinces. Should the Gentlemen of your
Assembly when they take the Affair under their Consideration
shew a Disposition to support their fellow Subjects & provide
for the Safety of His Majesty's Dominions in this part of the
Continent & their own Country, you will be kind enough to
send me immediate Advice thereof & acquaint me in what
manner you judge they will be most inclined to afford
us their Assistance whether by Money or Troops that I might
regulate my Conduct accordingly. You will be pleased to
signify to me as soon as possible what is to be expected
because of vast progress that the Enemy made last Summer
makes it absolutely necessary that we act offensively very
early in the Spring. I am just returned from Williamsburg
where the Virginia Assembly were sitting, they had granted
the Sum of £20000 for the Encouragement of the Service & I hope
the Assembly of this Province will make an Addition to what
they lately advanced as soon as I can meet them after a
new Election. (I am &c.)