

Money which the Council & Gent^{rs} of the Country had subscribed upon the Assembly's Refusal at their last Meeting to grant any Supplies in purchasing a Quantity of fresh Provisions & such things as I think necessary for the Troops & then I went with such Men as I can persuade to join me to Fort Cumberland where I expect to find Col^l Dunbar by that time arrived! I am afraid Colonel Dunbar will not proceed again to Lichow this Summer for want of a Train of Artillery & Ammunition neither do I think it will be an easy matter to reinforce him speedily for tho' there are not I suppose in these 3 Colonies less than 20000 Men fit to bear Arms yet for want of such a Militia Law as the Eastern Colonies enjoy the Benefit of our Assemblies will not hear of, the People have no just or just notion of Arms or military Duty & therefore our Endeavour to persuade them to unite their force presents it for their common safety in

A Letter was also sent at the same time to Lord Albemarle which was literally the same with the above so far as aimed it then proceeded as follows.

"It grieves me to see not 20000 Men in this Province fit to bear Arms & yet for want of an effectual Militia Law which has been frequently recommended to our Assembly in vain not one are obliged or to be prevailed on to dress some Provisions out or even to act in their own Defence. Thus much I have writ to the Secretary of State but my Lord hoping you will excuse the Liberty I presume to hint my Opinion farther to your Lordship. You have been ever this while what is doing to the Northward; that Colonel Moxton has succeeded in Nova Scotia to the utmost of his Expectations we have lately had the Satisfaction to hear & we also entertain very sanguine hopes that Colonel Johnson with the Provincial Troops will make a successful Attempt on Crown Point