

without hopes that they will drop their Scheme, & agree to raise the Supplies wanted by continuing the Taxes which were imposed to raise the Sum that was last granted here for the King's Service the Act by which those Taxes were laid being to expire next Summer. if I find that Nothing more is to be done, I shall then press the Assembly to appropriate a Sum of Money for furnishing the eighty four Recruits which if they please they may do without raising any Money whatever as there is more than enough for that purpose already in the Treasury. When I am able to inform Your Excellency more certainly what may be expected from this Province, I will again do myself the honour to write to Your Excellency.

To The Right Honble. The Earl of Egremont. Ann^d 25 of April. 1763.
My L^d

It is not without great Concern I now write to inform Your L^{ds} that altho I have, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands signified to me by Your L^{ds} two Letters dated the 12th of Dec^r last used my utmost Endeavours to prevail on the General Assembly of this Province to levy cloath & pay a Number of Troops for the King's Service & to raise the Recruits which were demanded by Sr Jeffery Amherst as our Quota for the King's Regular Regiments on this Continent my Endeavours have proved unsuccessful. Having laid those two Letters before them together with some I had therewith received from Sr Jeffery I pressed them to a Compliance with His Majesty's Requisition & a few Days after the opening of the Session a Vote passed in the Lower House for Levying Cloath & paying during the Term of one Year 200 Provincials & for raising 84 Recruits for the King's Regular Regiments on this Continent; but at the same time it was resolved by a Majority in that House that in order to raise the Money necessary for those purposes such a Bill should be brought in as had eight times before been rejected by the Upper House because in their Opinion it was calculated to introduce such Innovations in our Constitution as would create the greatest Confusion & Disorder, sacrifice a Part of the Inhabitants to the Humour of the