

to declare, that all the Serjeants, Corporals, Drummers and private Soldiers shall be entitled to receive our Pay from the respective Days on which they shall be Inlisted, pursuant to such Certificates as you shall judge sufficient for that Purpose, and that the Commission Officers shall enter into Pay from the Day their Commissions bear Date, and they shall take Post and Rank in the respective Battalions into which they shall be formed, according to the date of the Certificates, by which it shall appear when each Captain respectively had compleated his Levies.

VI. And as a further encouragement to such Officers and Soldiers as shall engage in the present Expedition, you may assure them in our Royal Name, that the Soldiers shall not only be Cloathed and Armed according to the Samples that will be sent herewith, and furnished with Tent, and entertained in our Pay, but that after their arrival at the General Place of Rendezvous, they shall be provided for in every other Respect as our *British* Troops, that they shall likewise have their just Share and Proportion of all Plunder or Booty gained or taken from the Enemy according to the Services, and if by the Blessing of God upon our Arms, any of the Enemies Lands or Settlements shall fall into our Hands, our *American* Troops shall have a share thereof as well as the rest of our Forces, in preference to all other Persons that shall not have engaged in the present Expedition.

VII. And we do further declare that so soon as the present Expedition shall be determined, whatever the Success thereof may be, all the Troops raised in our *American* Colonies for this Purpose, as well Officers as Soldiers shall have free leave to return to their respective Provinces, and shall be transported thither at our Expence, except those only that shall choose for their own Advantage to settle or remain in such Places or Garrisons as may fall into our Hands, where they shall receive all due encouragement, and the Soldiers whether they remain there or return home after the said Expedition, shall retain their Arms and Cloathing.

VIII. But we trust and expect that our Assembly of *Maryland*, will provide Victuals, Transports and all other necessaries for the Troops to be raised in our said Province, except Cloaths, Tents, Arms, Ammunition and Pay, till their arrival at the General Rendezvous in the *West-Indies*, from which time the said Transports shall enter into our Pay, and you are hereby directed without loss of time, to recommend to the said Assembly in our Name, to make such Provision that the Expedition may not be Retarded for want thereof.

IX. We recommend to you also to engage such Persons within your Province in the present Expedition, both for the Transport and the
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