

S I R,

New-York, 21st February, 1760.

WITH his Majesty's Commands for the Reduction of all Canada, received last Night, I likewise had the Copy of Mr. Secretary Pitt's Circular Letter to the Northern and Southern Governors of the 7th January last, the Original of which goes enclosed, and whereby you will see, that his Majesty having nothing so much at Heart as to improve the great and important Advantages gained the last Campaign in North-America, and not doubting that all his faithful and brave Subjects there, will continue most chearfully to co-operate with, and second to the utmost, the large Expence and extraordinary Succours, supplied by the Kingdom of Great-Britain for their Preservation and future Security; and his Majesty considering that the several Provinces from Pennsylvania inclusive to the Southward, are well able, with proper Encouragements, to furnish a Body of several Thousand Men, to join the King's Forces in those Parts, for some offensive Operations against the Enemy; and his Majesty not judging it expedient to limit the Zeal and Ardour of any of his Provinces, by making a Repartition of the Force to be raised by each respectively for this most important Service, he (Mr. Secretary Pitt) is commanded to signify to you the King's Pleasure, that you do forthwith use your utmost Endeavours and Influence with the Council and Assembly of your Province, to induce them to raise, with all possible Dispatch, within your Government, as large a Body of Men as the Number and Situation of it's Inhabitants may allow, (in the due Performance of which Service, it is hoped and expected they will not again fail in their Duty to the King, as they have done the two last Campaigns) and forming the same into Regiments as far as shall be found convenient: That you do direct them to hold themselves in Readiness as early as may be to march to the Rendezvous, at such Place or Places as may be named for that Purpose, by the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in America, or by the Officer who shall be appointed to command the King's Forces in those Parts, in order to proceed from thence in Conjunction with a Body of his Majesty's British Forces, and under the supreme Command of the Officer to be appointed as above, so as to be in a Situation to begin, by the first of May if possible, or as soon after as shall be any way practicable, such offensive Operations, as shall be judged by the Commander of his Majesty's Forces in those Parts most expedient for annoying the Enemy.

As the King's Directions on the foregoing Subject are so fully stated in the above Abstract, I have only to request, that you would exert your utmost Endeavours to excite and encourage your Assembly to the full and due Execution of the King's Commands, in a Matter so essential to the future Welfare and Prosperity of the several Provinces, and the Success of the ensuing decisive, and (it is greatly hoped) last Campaign in North-America; which desirable Ends cannot be better attained than by commencing the Operations as early as shall be practicable; and that nothing may be left undone that it is possible for me to attempt in the Execution of his Majesty's Commands, I must be urgent with you to quicken and expedite the Levies of your Province, so that they may be assembled at the Rendezvous which I shall hereafter appoint by the Tenth of April at furthest.

I have also in Command from his Majesty to recommend to you, the collecting and putting into a proper Condition, all the Arms which can be any wise rendered Serviceable, or that can be found within your Government, in order that the same may be employed as far as they will go in this Exigency: As a further Reason for which, I refer you to my Letter of the 16th February, 1759, and now offer you the same Encouragement I did then, viz. That for every one of such Arms as any of your Men shall bring with them, and that may be spoiled or lost in actual Service, I will pay at the Rate of Twenty-five Shillings a Firelock.

From this Encouragement, and your known Fidelity and Attachment to his Majesty, I have no doubt of your exerting yourself to the utmost on this great Occasion, where the future Safety and Welfare of America, and of your own Province in particular, are so nearly concerned.

I am, with great Regard, S I R,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
JEFFERY AMHERST.

Copy.

And the Opinion of his Majesty's Attorney-General:

AS to the Nomination of Officers by the Lower House; In my Opinion the sole Nomination of these Commissioners, who are New Officers appointed by this Bill, belongs neither to the Proprietary nor to the Lower House, *stricto jure*; but, like all other new Regulations, must be assented to by both, but can be claimed by neither. The Proprietary's Charter intitles him to nominate all Constitutional Officers, and all Others which by the Laws are not otherwise provided for: But I do not conceive my Lord has any original Right to nominate new Officers appointed for the Execution of a new Law, without the Consent of the Two Houses; nor on the other Hand have the Lower House