

Johnson Bar^t for His faithfull service there. Its with concern I acquaint you Virginia, Maryland & Pensilvania & the two Carolina Colonies are s^d excluded the Benefit. My Lord has done all he can to Obtain Fire Armes from the Money Granted, But to no purpose. Y^r Iohn says, the Construction had & held of them Province is, they have fail'd of that just regard & not complying to His Majesty's Requisitions—Comunicat'd to them by His Majesty's Sec^y of State, therefore the Legislature here think them at present not of Notice to His Majesty.

The 15th *ibid.* The Co^mons in a Co^mittee on the Bill relating to fforeign Protestant Officers to go to America after a long Debate it pass'd in the Affirmative 215 ag^t 63 the 25th *ibid.* they agree'd to the Report of the Bill 158 ag^t 58.

The Intention of the Bill as I am Inform'd, is a matter of great importance, its consequence tends intierly to the safety of His Majesty's Subjects & Dominion in America. The Scheme proposed is His Majestys appointm^t for a Regiment consisting of four Battallions of a 1000 Men in each Battallion to be raised of His Majesty's fforeign & other Protestant Subject in North America that of Co^miss^d Officers a certain Number be given to the Born & Resident Subjects in America.

The Earl of Loudon is by His Majesty appoint'd Co^mand^r in Chief of the fforces in America under him Major Gen^l Abercrombe. His Lord^{ps} departure is soon. The Lord Proprietor does earnestly recom^d to you & that you will exert y^r Self & incite the Legislature Power also all Magistrates Civil & Military & all Persons in the Province that they may & do conform themselves with real Duty to his Lord^{ps} required by His Majesty, Especially ag^t the Enemy the invaders of His Majesty's Crown & Dignity. The Earls Character is of real Abbilities, all allow great Qualifications in him & of an affable disposition. My Lord desires you'l cultivate a good Understanding with him & renders him all service Possible, either on his arrival into the Province or occasioned by His Co^mand^s Let^r or Message, requiring of you & the Province the Necessary Requisite^{ns} for His Majesty's service. And as it will be Necessary the Better for Inlisting the Born Subjects as well as the Germans Settlers for composing the four Battallions to be raised, His Lord^p being sensible of the great Advantage that must accrue by such a fforce. He requests, & doubts not y^r best Endeavours to conciliate the Minds of the People of his Province thereto, & that they will with affection Duty & Allegiance acquit themselves in Duty & real Conscience Bound in Defence of His Majesty & the Country ag^t all Invaders of the King's Crown & Dignity.