

U. H. J. signifies His Majestys Commands that I should immediately make
 Liber No. 34 every necessary Disposition for the raising as many Forces within
 this Province as the shortness of the Time will permit, which together
 with others to be Levyed in the Neighbouring Governments are to
 Act in Consert with his Majestys Regular Forces which are daily
 Expected from Great Britain, in an Expedition for the Reduction
 of Canada

The Success of this Enterprize is so visibly Important to the Glory
 of the Crown of Great Britain, the Advantage of its Trade, and the
 safety and Quiet of Ourselves, that I am perswaded every Loyal
 Breast will be Warmed with an Earnestness to shew their Duty to
 his Majesty in answering his Royal Expectations on this Occasion :
 and that this great Design may be better pursued I cannot avoid
 recommending to Your Consideration some Provision or Allowance
 by the Way of a Bounty for the Encouragement of such who may
 be willing to engage themselves as Soldiers in the Service

I am by his Majesty commanded to make Application to the Assem-
 bly of this Province that a Sufficient Quantity of Provisions be pro-
 cured for the subsistence of Our Levies, And I am further Com-
 manded to take Care that Arms and Cloaths be provided for them,
 the Expence of which is to be allowed for in a reasonable manner out
 of a Fund appointed by his Majesty

p. 120 You are sensible that I must find myself under an Impossibility of
 complying with this part of the Royal Commands with Regard to
 the Arms unless some part of those already purchased by the Publick
 and now in the County be made Use of for this Purpose

I shall lay before you several Letters which I have received from
 the Governors of New York and New England earnestly pressing
 that Commissioners should be sent from this Province in Order to
 consult with the Commissioners of his Majestys other Governments
 upon the best Method to engage the Six Nations of Indians, who now
 are very wavering to take up the Hatchett and declare War against
 the French and their Indians

This Measure tho' extremely proper before is now made abso-
 lutely necessary in the present Conjunction of this Expedition; The
 Money Voted at Our last Meeting as a Gift to the Indians, being
 to be paid out of the Ball^a on the Fund for Arms cannot be now used
 from the Failure of the Merchant in whose Hands it was deposited,
 And I doubt not but You will thoroughly consider what is so re-
 peatedly desired by the Neighbouring Governments

However expensive these Services may be to the Country, yet they
 are for such Purposes as give us an Opportunity of manifesting Our
 Zeal & Loyalty to his Majesty as well as a commendable Care and
 Precaution for our future Safety from the Attempts of the French
 and the fickleness of Indians who must from time to time be courted