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you again at this time, and that you may the better know what is Expected from us, I shall lay before you Several Letters that I have Lately received from the Secretary of State, and from General Amherst: the Contents whereof will, I hope Induce you to embrace the Opportunity which now presents itself. the Last Probably that you will have, of making amends, in some sort for your failure Last year, by a ready and Dutifull Performance of the Service which in Pursuance of his Majestys Commands is now so earnestly recommended.

Sir

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p. 399 His Majesty having nothing so much at heart as to improve the great and important advantages gained the Last Campaign; as well, as to repair the disappointment at Ticonderoga, and by the most vigorous and extensive efforts, to avert, by the Blessing of God on his Arms, all Dangers, which may threaten North America, from any future Irruptions of the French, and the King not doubting, that all his Faithfull and brave Subjects there, will chearfully co-operate with and Second to the Utmost the Large Expence and Extraordinary Succours Supplied by this Kingdom, for their Preservation and Defence; and his Majesty Considering that the Several Provinces, from Pensylvania, inclusive, to the Southward, are well able, with proper Encouragements, to furnish a Body of Several Thousand men to join the Kings 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 Forces, to be raised by each respectively, for this most important Service; I am Commanded to signify to you the Kings Pleasure that you do forthwith use your utmost Endeavours and Influence with the Council & 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 Scituation of its 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 did the Last Campaign) 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 Majestys Forces in America or by the Officer who shall be Appointed to Command the Kings Forces in those Parts, in order to Proceed from thence in Conjunction with a Body of his Majestys British Forces & under the Supreme Command of the Officer to be appointed as above, so as to be in a Scituation to begin by the first of May if Possible or as soon after as shall be anyway practicable, such offensive operations as shall be judged by the Commander of his Majestys Forces in those parts most expedient for annoying