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to the Utmost the Extraordinary Succours which have been Supplied by the Kingdom of Great Britain for our preservation and future Security, hath been pleased to Order me to convene you without delay, and to press you to raise with all possible Dispatch, as large a Body of Men, as the Number and Scituation of our Inhabitants can allow, that the same being formed into regiments may be ready by the Tenth of next Month to march to such rendezvous as may be appointed, and afterwards to Act in Conjunction with the Kings Regular Forces in such Offensive Operations as shall be judged by his Majestys General most Expedient for Annoying the Enemy, That the service recommended might be the less Burthensome to us the Kings Commissaries are ordered to Victual all the Provincial Troops in the same Manner as the Regular Forces are Victualled: nor doth his Majesty expect any thing more from the Colonies than that they will defray the Expence of Levying and Cloathing their respective Troops, and provide pay for them during the ensuing Campaign; and that his Majestys Subjects here may be encouraged to Exert themselves to the utmost, he is moreover pleased to permit the Secretary of State to Assure us that strong recommendations will be made to Parliament in their Session next Year, to grant a proper Compensation for such Expences as the several Provinces may be at, According as their Active Vigour and Strenuous efforts shall Appear to merit

The Secretary of State and General Amherst, having been very explicit as to what is expected from us it only remains for me to Exhort you to take their Letters into immediate Consideration and shew by your proceedings thereupon, that altho the unhappy issue of our late sessions gave sufficient room for the Censure contained in M^r Secretary Pitts Letter yet that it was by no means owing to any want of Loyalty affection or Gratitude, to our most Gracious Sovereign. And

Gentlemen of the Lower House, I think it my Duty to intreat you in Particular Cautiously to avoid at this time the rock on which you have heretofore split: and since you will find by the Opinion of his Majestys Attorney General which I shall communicate to you, that the supply Bill which you offered the year before last and again last year to the Gentlemen of the Upper House is deemed such a one as they could not Consistent with their duty, nor without violating our Constitution give their Assent to; permit me to hope that you will now frame such a Bill as may be Judged unexceptionable, so that the Conclusion of this Session may efface the remembrance of all past Failures, and demonstrate that we Likewise are Animated with the same Laudable Spirit which hath since the beginning of this War, so remarkably Excited our Fellow Subjects to exert their most Vigorous Efforts