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utmost Endeavors & Influence with the Council and Assembly to Induce them to Raise, with all possible Dispatch within your your Government, as large a Body of Men as the Number & Situation of its Inhabitants may allow

p. 8 I cannot think, S,^r that I need Urge any Arguments to Convince you of the Necessity of an Early Compliance with His Majesty's Commands as it is more than probable that this Campaign, if Opened in time & Carried on with Vigor must be that which will at last Compell our Enemy to treat in Earnest, on such Terms, as will be Equally Glorious and Advantageous for His Majesty's Crown & permanently Beneficial to His American Subjects and I therefore trust the Assembly will Enable you to put those Commands into Immediate Execution, Since they terminate in a point, wherein they are so nearly Concerned & that the Kings principal Object has been for their present Security, as well as their future Welfare & prosperity

You will Observe by the Earl of Egremont's Letter, that as a further Encouragement to a proper Exertion on the part of the Provinces, his Majesty has ordered, as heretofore, that the Provincial Forces should be Victualled in the same manner & in the same Proportions as the Regulars, & that they should be Supplied with Arms & Tents at the Expence of the Crown.

Moreover, that Strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament in their Session next year to Grant a Compensation to the Provinces, according as their respective Vigor & Strenuous Efforts shall Justly appear to Merit

I have it also in Command from His Majesty to Enjoin you to Collect & Cause to be put into proper Condition all the Serviceable Arms that can be found within your Province, for Every one of which that shall be brought to the Field & shall not return, by reason of being spoiled, or lost in Actual Service, I shall pay the Usual Allowance of Twenty five Shillings per Forelock

As it is very Essential to the Services I may have in Command from the King that I should be, as early as possible, Informed of the Resolves of your Assembly on this head, and of the time that the Troops will be ready, I beg that as soon as you are Acquainted therewith, you will Signify the same to me by Express, that I may Regulate Myself accordingly

p. 9 I have likewise Received a Letter from the Earl of Egremont of the same date with the former, Signifying His Majestys Intentions of Compleating the Regular Regiments Serving in America, by Recruits to be Raised by the several Provinces over and above the Quotas Demanded in the Other Letter on such Terms & Conditions as I shall propose. I shall in obedience thereto so soon as I have fixed on the Numbers necessary to be furnished by the respective Provinces, Communicate to you the Encouragements which his