

shall have agreed what number of Americans it will be necessary to keep in Pay for the Purpose It is his Majestys Pleasure that you should Procure an Account of the whole Expencc incurred on Account of the American Troops, from the Time of their being Levied, to the Time of their Discharge and when the same shall be fully Adjusted and Liquidated, you will Transmitt to me with the Proper Vouchers, from the Several Governors, that it may be Laid before Parliament to the End that Provision may be made for the Payment; and in the mean time, in order to prevent any Complaint among the men that have been Inlisted (as well those that shall be Discharged, as those that shall Continue in Service) for want of immediate Pay you will Recomend it to the Governors of the Provinces where these Levies have been made, to Procure Credit from their Respective Assemblies for that Purpose, which his Majesty hopes may be done without any Difficulty

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It is also his Majestys Pleasure that M^r Knowles and You should Consider what number of Americans will be realy wanted for the Service above mentioned; and the King would have you Retain as many as may be absolutely necessary for that Service and no more, and the King hopes that a small number of Americans with his Majestys forces which you have, may be sufficient for the purpose; as the Expencc of the Americans is very Great, and as [to] the Americans in General, except only such as may be wanted for the Service above mentioned It is his Majestys Pleasure that you in Conjunction with Commodore Knowles should thank them in such manner as you think Proper and immediately Discharge them upon the best and Cheapest foot you can; in order thereto you will Consult with the Respective Governors upon the manner of doing it: And you will Transmit to his Majesty, an immediate Account what You shall do therein. N. B. This Paragraph should have been inserted between the fourth and fifth Paragraphs

Cha: Knowles W. Shirley

Boston 10th October 1747

Sir The inclosed is an Extract from a Letter of the Duke of Newcastle to Governor Shirley Signifying his Majestys Commands to us, upon the Several Matters Contained in it; in Obedience to which, we must Desire you will be pleased to Transmit to Us by Return of this Express, or as soon after as you can Muster Rolls or Lists of the several Officers and Soldiers Raised within Your Government, for his Majestys Service in the Late intended Expedition against Canada (which his Majesty has Laid aside for the present) Distinguishing the Companies into which they were formed; with the Respective Times of every Officers Engaging into his Majestys Service and Days on which the Soldiers were inlisted into it, (which List may be best done by Attested Copies of the Enlistments themselves) also an Account of the Deaths of such of the Officers and