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The King is further pleased to furnish all the Men so raised as above, with Arms Ammunition and Tents as well as to order Provisions to be issued to the same by his Majesty's Commissaries in the same Proportion and manner as is done to the rest of the King's Forces, and a sufficient Train of Artillery will also be provided at his Majesty's Expence for the Operations of the Campaign; the Whole therefore that the King expects and requires from the several Provinces is the levying cloathing and Pay of the Men, and on these Heads also that no Encouragement may be wanting to the fullest Exertion of your Force, the King is farther most graciously pleased to permit me to acquaint you that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament in their Session next Year to grant a proper Compensation for such Expences as above, according as the active Vigour and strenuous Efforts of the respective Provinces shall justly appear to merit. Altho' several Thousands Stands of Arms will be forthwith sent from England to be distributed to the Troops now directed to be raised in the Southern and northern Provinces, yet as it is hoped that the Numbers of Men levied in all Parts of America may greatly exceed the Quantity of Arms that can at present be supplied from England, it is his Majesty's Pleasure that you do with particular Diligence immediately collect and put into the best Condition all the serviceable Arms that can be found within your Gov:^t in Order that the same may be employed as far as they will go in this Exigency.

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I am further to inform you, that similar Orders are sent by this Conveyance to Pensilvania, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, the northern Governments are also directed to raise Men in the same manner to be employed in such offensive Operations as the Circumstances and Situation of the Enemy's Possessions in those Parts may point out which it is hoped will oblige them so to divide their Attention and Forces as will render the several Attempts more easy and successful.

It is unnecessary to add any thing to animate your Zeal in the Execution of his Majesty's Orders on this great Occasion where the Safety and Preservation of America and of your own Province in particular are at Stake, and the King doubts not from your known Fidelity and Attachment that you will employ yourself with the utmost Application and Dispatch in this urgent and dangerous Crisis. I am Sir, your most obed.^t humble Servant

W: Pitt

New York March 15.th 1758:

Sir

By circular Letters from M.^r Secretary Pitt bearing Date at Whitehall Dec.^r 30, 1757, to all his Majesty's Governors on the Continent of North America from Pensilvania inclusive to the Southward which Letters arrived here on the fourth Instant by the Squirrel Ship of War and were immediately forwarded to you by Express