

Sir

Whitehall 29th Decem.^r 1758U. H. J.
Liber No. 35
April 4

In Transmitting to you the Inclosed Duplicate of my Letter of the 9.th Instant I have the Kings Particular commands to Renew and enforce, in the Strongest Manner the necessity of a punctual Compliance with the orders therein contained & you will Accordingly urge in the most expessive Terms to the Council and Assembly of your Province the Importance of their exerting themselves in the present Critical & decisive moment, in Which their own Interests and Security are so nearly concerned that it would Seem Superfluous to Add the further Motives of their duty to the King, and of the Gratitude they owe to this Country, for the very great expence and Succours Supplied for their Immediate Defence, and for the future Safety of all their Rights and possessions in America, and the Levying the Men to be furnished by the Several Provinces, without any Delay, and in Such time that they may not fail to be at the Rendezvous that Shall be appointed for them so as to be ready to commence the operations by the 1st of May is so essential as well for Preventing the Extraordinary Efforts which it is Supposed the Enemy is preparing to make to Stop the further Progress of his Majestys Arms in America as for pushing with Success the ensuing Campaign, that it is the Kings Pleasure that you do employ the utmost Diligence and every means in your Power to forward and Expedite this Service in the most effectual Manner and to avoid any Disappointment happening from the Slowness of the Levies, or from the Men who shall be Raised not Proceeding in due time to the Rendezvous; with Regard to the Expences incured by your Province for the Last Campaign I am further to Acquaint you that as soon as the Agents of the Respective Provinces duly authorized shall Produce the Necessary Documents the Same will Without Delay be recommended to Parliament for a Reasonable Compensation agreeable to the Gracious Assurances which the King was pleased to Allow me to give in my Letter of the 30th December Last Year.

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I am Sir your most Obedient Humble Serv.^t

W. Pitt

Sir

New York 18 March 1759

It having become Necessary, by the Demise of Brig.^r Gen. Forbes, that an Officer of Rank and Experience shoud without Loss of time proceed to Pensylvania to take on him the Command of his Majestys Regular Troops and those to be raised by the Southern Provinces to Act in Conjunction for the Security and Defence of those provinces, or otherwise as Opportunities shall Offer or the Exegencies may require, I have thought it for the Good of his Majestys Service to Appoint Brig.^r Gen. Stanwix to that Command and he does Accordingly set out tomorrow for Philadelphia to take upon him