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give Directions for these Additional to be Victualled with the King's Provision, from the Time that they shall join his Majesty's Regular Forces, to the End of the Campaign, when they will be dismissed, I flatter myself, that you will the more readily agree to his Lordship's Proposals; and as the Time allowed for raising those Men is so very short, you will, I hope, come to a speedy Resolution on this Matter, and to such a one as might evince, that now a fair Opportunity offers, you are determined to be in the Number of those of his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects that are most Zealous to promote his Service, and most Desirous of providing effectually for the future, as well as the present, Security of their Country.

February 24th, 1758.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker a Copy of the Earl of Loudoun's Letter.

Ordered, That the Copy of the Earl of Loudoun's Letter to the Governor be Read; which is as follows, viz.

S I R,

New-York, February 13th, 1758.

AS I am directed by his Majesty to apply to the several Governments in North-America, for such Aid and Assistance as are necessary for carrying on the War in this Country, which is likewise fully expressed in the several Letters transmitted by his Majesty's Secretaries of State, down from Sir Thomas Robinson's Letters to them of the 26th of October, 1754, to this Time, directing that they should correspond and co-operate with his Majesty's Commander in Chief for the Time being, in North-America, and that they will use their utmost Endeavours to induce their Councils and Assemblies to give the necessary Orders for raising their Quotas of Men with the greater Expedition, so that they may be ready to march to such Places as the Commander in Chief shall direct:

In Consequence of which Orders, I do now apply to you, to use your utmost Endeavours with your Council and Assembly to furnish a Body of Four Hundred good Men, and that as many of them as possible should be used to Ranging, to act in Conjunction with his Majesty's Forces the next Spring, in carrying on vigorous and offensive Measures against the Enemy, over and above what is necessary for the Defence of your own Forts on the Frontiers of your Province; and that this Body should be ready to march by the Beginning of April. As this will occasion the raising an additional Number, to what your Province now have, I would propose to you, that the Addition should be raised only for the Campaign, and to be dismissed at the End of it; by which Means I am of Opinion, that it will not only be less expensive to the Province, but you will the sooner compleat your Quota with good Men, as they will be enabled to return to their own Habitations in the Winter.

I am the further induced to expect that they will readily comply with this Request, that I will, as soon as they join his Majesty's Forces, supply them with the King's Provisions at the Expence of the Crown, which will greatly ease the Province in that material Article; and as the Service I propose to employ them on, will be an immediate Benefit and Security to your Province, I need use no Arguments to induce you, who are so well acquainted with the Interest of this Country, to use your utmost Endeavours to forward this Measure, so essential for carrying on the War, and the Safety of your own Province. I am, with great Regard, S I R,

Copy.

Your most obedient humble Servant,
LOUDOUN.

On Reading his Excellency the Governor's Speech, and the Earl of Loudoun's Letter, Resolved, That this House will, on the Morrow Morning, take into Consideration the Governor's Speech, together with the Earl of Loudoun's Letter.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.

SATURDAY, February 25, 1758.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

On Consideration of his Excellency's Speech of Yesterday, Resolved, That an Address be prepared to his Excellency, in Answer thereto.

Ordered, That Col. Tilghman do prepare and bring in an Address accordingly.

Col. Tilghman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency the Governor; which was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

Mr. Edward Dorsey brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for Granting a Supply of* for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Security of the Frontier

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