

should confer, or correspond with (Col Spokwood, if You have an Opportunity, upon every thing that may relate to the performance of this Service)

Col Blakeney, who is appointed Adjutant General in this Expedition, will set out from hence as soon as possible, with his Majesty's Letters and Authorities to You, and the other Governours of his Majesty's Colonies on the Continent of America, for making the said Levies, and with the King's more particular Instructions and Directions relating to this Matter. In the mean time the King has thought proper, that I should give You this previous Notice, that You may be making the necessary Dispositions, in order to facilitate, as soon as possible the raising the Troops. Col Blakeney will carry with him a considerable Number of Arms, some Samples of Cloathing for the Souldiers; and what Money or Credit shall be judged requisite for the Performance of this Service

It is his Majesty's Intention to give all proper Encouragement to the New Levies by ordering them to be supplied with Arms, and a proper Cloathing, and to be paid by his Majesty, with an Assurance of their coming in for their Share of any Booty, that may be taken from the Enemy, and of their being sent back to their respective Habitations when the Service shall be over, unless any of them shall desire to settle themselves elsewhere

His Majesty will order to be sent by Col Blakeney a Number of Blank Commissions to be given by the Governours to the Officers that are to command the Troops under Col Spokwood. The King has not thought proper to confine You to any particular Number of Men to be raised within Your Government, His Majesty depending upon Your Care and Zeal for his Service, that You will procure as many as You possibly can

You will consider how much the Time presses, and will therefore use the utmost Expedition in making Your Preparations. It is hoped that my Lord Salthcote may be able to sail from hence in April or May next, and consequently You will take care that the Troops to be raised within Your Government, may be ready to be transported in time, to the place, that shall be appointed for the general Rendezvous; with