

His Majesty's American Troops shall have a share thereof as well as the rest of his Majesty's Forces, in preference to all persons who shall not have engaged in the present Expedition. And His Majesty has been graciously pleased further to declare, that as soon as the present Expedition shall be determined, whatever that may be, all the Troops raised in his Majesty's American Colonies for this Purpose, as well Officers as Soldiers, shall have free leave to return to their respective Provinces, and shall be transported thither at his Majesty's Expence, except those only that shall chuse for their own Advantage to settle or remain in such Places or Garrison as may fall into his Majesty's Hands, where they shall receive all due Encouragement and the Soldiers, whether they remain there or return home after the Expedition, shall retain their Arms and Cloathing.

I Do therefore, in Obedience to his Majesty's Royal Command with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, issue this my Proclamation, most earnestly to invite all his Majesty's faithful Subjects within this Province, cheerfully to enlist themselves in his Majesty's Service in this glorious Expedition, which promises so many Advantages to themselves, and secures to them the favour of their Prince, and the esteem and Affection of all his Majesty's Loyal Subjects. And I do hereby desire and exhort all who incline to engage in the present Expedition, to repair to me at Annapolis, without Loss of Time to enlist themselves in his Majesty's Service, assuring them that they shall have all due Encouragement: And that I shall be ready to appoint such Officers as I am authorized, for the Command of the Companies to be raised within this Province, as are known to be Men of Interest in their Country, well affected to his Majesty's Service, and able to compleat their Companies. And I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Ministers of this Province to publish this my Proclamation, by reading the same at all Churches and Chapels in their several and respective Parishes immediately after Divine Service, and before the People shall be dispersed on the next Lord's Day after the same Proclamation shall come to their respective Hands, and with all convenient speed cause the same to be read at the several Court Houses of the respective Counties, and to be set up and affixed at the several Church Doors, Chapels