

To Lord Albemarle the 5th of May 1756.

My Ld

Brother Willm. has not neglected to inform me how kindly & generously Your Ldp. interested Yourself & how earnestly You endeavoured to do me Service. On Your Receipt of the Letter which I took the Liberty to address to You from N York & I should be inexcusable, was I to let slip this first Opportunity of making my thankful Acknowledgments & of assuring Your Ldp. that tho' Your Solicitations had succeeded to the utmost of my wishes yet I could not have been more sensibly affected or more grateful than I am at present. My Brother acquaints me with the Resolution taken to have some Regiments raised from among the Germans in this & the Neighbouring Provinces on a Supposition that those People will readily enlist under Swiss Officers, I cannot venture to say whether such Regiments will be completed or not but I cannot help thinking that if I had been impowered to raise a Regiment in this Province I should have done it with greater Dispatch than the Swiss Officers will be able to do. I am glad to hear Lord Loudon is appointed to take the Command of all His Majesty's Forces in America & that he might be shortly expected with some more British Regiments. All His Majesty's American Subjects earnestly pray for prosperous Gales for them & I most heartily wish His Ldp. might arrive time enough to make the Campaign. The Regiments already here are I believe near complet^d. & I hear that they have begun their March towards Oswego on Ontario Lake, where they are to be employed this Summer, while a Body of 8000 or 9000 Provincial Troops that are raising in the Eastern Colonies make an Attempt on Crown Point. Colonel Winsloe who was a Captain in the Carthagena Expedition, commanded the N England Troops last Year in Nova Scotia is to have the Chief Command of all the Provincials, & Mr. William Johnson is only to lead or concern himself with the Indians who are to act in Conjunction with the Regiments on the Lake. We have been in some pain for Oswego this winter on account of some preparations that were said to be making by the French at Frontenac to attack it before the Garrison could be reinforced or receive Supplies of Provisions, which it seems they were much in want of; but I hope that the Danger is over this over. The Virginians have expended very large Sums of Money without being able to prevent the Incursions & Barbarities of the Indians or even to raise 500 Men for the Defence of their Frontiers; & the Pensilvanians have spent great part of £6000 this Winter to as little purpose & as much more they may dispose of without doing the least Service unless they would raise Men enough to act offensively.