

recommended a Month ago to their Consideration & tho they have not granted
such ample Aids as I could wish yet I hope Your Ldps will take in good part
my Endeavours to obtain them. I have only succeeded so far as to get Provision
made for raising 300 Men for the Royal American Regiment with all possible
Expedition including about 80 that I have got enlisted while the Assembly has been
sitting. The pacific Disposition of the Natives & the great Success of the recent
King Parties from Nova Scotia among our Servants forbid me to entertain very
anguine hopes that the Number voted will be easily raised but Your Ldps
may be assured that I shall use all means in my power to collect them as
soon as possible. Beside the Sum of £3000 granted for raising these Men
£2000 is given to purchase & transport to New York a Quantity of Wheat for
the Use of the Troops under Your Ldps Command in case such a Supply
should be acceptable. I would have persuaded the Assembly to grant both Sums
for raising Levies or to have left it to Your Ldps Disposal but could
not prevail as I have found by Experience that they will not advance
at all unless they are permitted to proceed in their own way & I complied
with their Humour & accepted a Bill for the purposes abovementioned in
the form that was offered. Nothing else worthy Your Ldps Notice has
sately occurred in this Province. No Indians have been down among the
Inhabitants for a considerable time nor appeared on this Side. Fort Frederick
the Assembly have provided for the Support of 300 Men to garrison that
place & patroll on the Frontiers till next April & I have ordered out
a Detachment of 100 Men from the Militia on the same Service &c

To Mr Fox Secretary of State 20 Oct. 1756.
M^l Honble

I have very sately had the Honour to receive His Majesty's
Instructions dated at Kensington the 5th of July together with his Ldps
Letters dated the 17th May & 10th June. I informed You in my Lett. of the
5th of July that the Legislature of this Province made an Act near two
Years