

expecting to have the Satisfaction of seeing His L^{dy} according to Appointment the Day after. I presume that when His L^{dy} writ to us he hoped the New England People would have been as ready to enter on & dispatch Business as he could be but as that was by no means the Case, he was not able to reach this Place before the 15th Inst. since which time he has communicated to us the Plan of Operations that he proposes to pursue this Summer & given Gov. Dobbs M^r Dinwiddie Gov. Denny & Myself to understand what Assistance he expects from the several Provinces with the Govern^{ts} of which we are respectively entrusted. The Number of Men that We have agreed the several Southern Colonies ought to raise & support this Summer & that His L^{dy} thereupon requires of them is from Pens^a: 1400. Maryland 500. Virg^a: 1000. N^c: Carolina 200 to be disposed of in the following manner. 1200 of the Pens^a: Troops on the Frontiers of this Province & the other 200 to be sent to S^c: Carolina. 300 of the Maryland Forces at Fort Cumberland & the other 200 at Fort. Fredonick & between the two Forts. Of the Virginians 600 on the Frontiers of that Province & 400 to be sent to S^c: Carolina. of the Men to be raised in N^c: Carolina 100 are to be posted on the western Frontiers of that Province 100 on the Sea Coast & 200 sent to S^c: Carolina. Beside the Provincials abovementioned Lieut^{nt}: Col^{el}: Bouquet will be ordered to S^c: Carolina with five Companies of the first Battalion of Royal Americans as there is great reason to fear that the French will make an Attempt on that Colony; & the other five Companies of that Battalion are to encamp under the command of Col^{el}: Stanria somewhere near the western Frontiers of this Province. If our respective Assemblies will enable us to raise the Number of Men required by His L^{dy} We hope by this Disposition of them to secure our Frontiers effectually till We know the Success of the Expedition which I doubt not but You know His L^{dy} is about to undertake. To defend the Frontiers of the Northern Colonies & prevent any Incursions from Canada this Summer His L^{dy} intends to leave behind