

our Companies not that he should be confined to the Duty of such Company
but only that he might be entitled to some pay or Reward from this Province
while he is serving His Majesty & these Colonies by attending our Indian allies
as an Interpreter. I do not suppose that these New Companies will be long
up but perhaps the Commission will be worth upwards of £50 to him. The
Officers that I have appointed to raise the Additional Companies recruit with so
good success that I flatter myself our Forces will be augmented to 400 very
shortly. I hear that Sr J. St. Clair is so much recovered as to be able to go on
the Expedition, & that His Ldp was to sail from New York last Sunday the
Troops being all embarked two Days before.

To The Earl of Loudoun. The 4th of June, 1757.

My Ld.

In my Letter of the 13th of May I just acknowledged the Receipt of One
from Your Ldp dated the 30th of April whereby You was pleased to inform me
that upon its being represented to You that there were when the Embargo was
laid a Number of Vessels in the several Provinces that were actually loaded &
cleared You had as the Transports were in great forwardness consented to such Vessels
being permitted to sail on Friday the 6th of last Month. In Answer to this
part of Your Ldp's Letter I beg leave to acquaint You that altho there were many
Vessels in the ports of this Province that were actually loaded & several others that
had taken in the greatest part of their Cargoes when the Embargo was laid yet
None of their Owners could receive any Benefit from that Order of Your Ldp as they
had not actually cleared before I received Your Ldp's Order for laying an Embargo.
As soon as the Merchants who were interested in these Vessels were advised by
their Correspondents of the Liberty that had been given by Your Ldp they ap-
plied to me severally & in a Body representing the hardships that they laboured
under from its not being the Custom in this Province for any Vessel to be cleared
till they are just about to weigh Anchor which Rule I am informed is not
strictly observed in some of the other Colonies where the Proviso exported does not