



By His EXCELLENCY

Benning Wentworth, Esq;

Captain-General and Governour in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION.



HEREAS His Majesty has been graciously pleased to order a Number of Troops, under the Command of the Honourable Lieutenant-General *St. Clair*, to proceed from *Great-Britain* to *Louisbourg*, with a sufficient Convoy of Men of War, and with them a great Part of His Majesty's Troops now in Garrison at *Louisbourg*, and also with such Troops as shall be levied for that Purpose in His Majesty's Colonies in *North-America*, to attempt the immediate Reduction of *Canada*; and has signified His Royal Pleasure to Me, as also to the Governours of the several Provinces and Colonies of *Virginia*, *Maryland*, *Pensylvania*, *New-Jersey*, *New-York*, *Connecticut*, *Rhode-Island* and the *Massachusetts-Bay*, by Letters dispatch'd from his Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, That the necessary Dispositions should be forthwith made for the raising as many Men within this and the above-mentioned Governments as the Shortness of the Time will admit, for proceeding on the said Expedition:

AND whereas the Members of the General Assembly of this Province, on a Special Convention for this Service, have, with the utmost Chearfulness and Unanimity, voted to give all necessary and proper Encouragement for *One Thousand* Voluntiers that shall enlist into His Majesty's Service in this Expedition:

In Obedience therefore to His Majesty's said Commands;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, in order to make known His Majesty's gracious Intentions and Declarations for the Encouragement of all able-bodied effectiv Men that are inclined to enlist themselves into His Service in the said Expedition, together with the further Encouragement which is offered by this Government, *viz.* That the said Voluntiers will be under such Officers as I shall appoint; That they will be immediately entitled to His Majesty's Pay, the Officers from the Time they shall engage in His Majesty's Service, and the Soldiers from the respective Days on which they shall be enlisted; That if Provision cannot be made of Arms and Cloathing for them, by reason of the Shortness of the Time, a reasonable Allowance will be made them in Money for the same; That they shall be entitled to a Share of the Booty that shall be taken from the Enemy, and shall be sent back to their several habitations, when this Service shall be over, unless any of them shall desire to settle elsewhere.

AND for the further Encouragement of all Voluntiers that shall engage in this Service, It is provided, That they shall receive Thirty Pounds in Bills of Credit of the old Tenor, as a Bounty; as also for each Man a good Blanket, and a Bed for every two Men; the said Bounty to be paid upon their Enlistment, and the Blankets, or Money in Lieu of the Blankets, and Beds at the Time of their Embarkation, or proceeding on the said Expedition: And that all such Voluntiers as shall proceed on this Expedition, shall be exempted from all Impresses for two Years after their Return.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *PORTSMOUTH*, the Fifth Day of *June*, 1746. In the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Second by the Grace of *GOD* of *Great-Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of His Excellency the Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,

T. ATKINSON, Secy.

B. WENTWORTH.

G O D Save the KING.

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