

recommended by Gen. Montgomery, and one of the five new regiments shortly before ordered to be raised in Pennsylvania was to be the ninth.

On the nineteenth of January it was resolved that the American army in Canada be reinforced with all proper despatch as well for the security and relief of our friends there, as for better securing the rights and liberties not only of that colony but the other united colonies.

An express was ordered to be sent to the Committee of Safety of New Jersey, and an application to be made to that of Pennsylvania immediately, to quicken the officers employed in levying the forces directed to be raised in those colonies and marched to Canada. The troops were ordered to be forwarded in companies with the greatest expedition.

The Congress meanwhile had resolved to send Commissioners to Canada, and on the 20th of March, 1776, their instructions having been duly debated, were adopted as follows:

"GENTLEMEN :—You are with all convenient despatch to repair to Canada and make known to the people of that country the wishes and intentions of the Congress in respect to them.

"Represent to them that the arms of the United Colonies having been carried into that Province for the purpose of frustrating the designs of the British Court against our common liberties, we expect to defeat not only the hostile machinations of Governor Carlton against us, but we shall put into the power of our Canadian brethren to pursue such measures for their own freedom and happiness as a generous love of liberty and sound policy shall dictate to them.

"Inform them that in our judgment their interests and ours are inseparably united; that it is impossible we can be reduced to a servile submission to Great Britain without their sharing our fate; and on the other hand, if we shall obtain, as we doubt not we shall, a full establishment of our rights, it depends wholly on their choice whether they will participate with us in those blessings or still remain subject to every act of tyranny which British ministers shall please to exercise over them. Urge all such arguments as your prudence shall suggest, to enforce our opinion concerning the mutual interests of the two countries, and to convince them of the impossibility of the war's being concluded to the disadvantage of the colonies if we wisely and vigorously co-operate with each other.

"To convince them of the uprightness of our intentions towards them, you are to declare that it is our inclination that the people of Canada may set up such a form of government as will be most likely, in their judgment, to produce their happiness: and you are in the strongest terms to assure them that it is our earnest