

North. I am to march with those I have with me, to attempt the Reduction of the *French* Forts upon the *Ohio*, and I hope that I shall be by the End of *April*, on the other Side of the *Alleghany* Mountains. I have had all the Assistance possible from *Commodore Keppel*; and found in the Governor of this Province a Man who contributed with the best Grace, to the Necessities of the present Expedition: This Province through the Governor's Care, is disposed at present to supply whatever it will be able. Which I dare not hope from other Governments.

As small Money would be very necessary here for paying the Troops, I pray your Grace would order the Contractors *Mr. Hanbury* and *Mr. Thomlinson*, to send over as soon as possible (if they have not done it already) *Four* or *Five Thousand Pounds* in Dollars and half Dollars, the Treasurer of the Troops having only Gold at present. I am, with the most profound Respect, &c.

To the Earl of HALIFAX.

(Without Date.)

My LORD,

THE Interest which your Excellency has in all that concerns his Majesty's Dominions in *America*, and the Part you bear in the Administration of the Government of them, oblige me to give you an Account of my Situation: I hope it will not be displeasing to you. Your Excellency, without Doubt, has been informed of the favourable Success the Transports have met with here, and of the Measures I have taken at my Arrival, for carrying on with Success, his Majesty's Service under my Direction, which may tend to his Interests, and to that of his Subjects upon this Continent.

Some Time ago, I sent to the Secretary of State, an Account of the Succours that have been granted me by all these Colonies, upon the present Occasion. There is no Need of sending it to you in particular. I am very sorry, that I am obliged to say, that the Inhabitants of these Colonies in general, have all shewn much Negligence