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The flourishing State of the new Settlements affords His Majesty great satisfaction, not only on account of the Advantages which the Province in general will derive from so valuable a Body of People, but from an interested concern for the Welfare and Happiness of Persons who from their Loyalty and Attachment to His Majesty's Government have merited His Royal Countenance and Protection. The Lords of the Treasury I hope will provide the additional Supplies which you recommend for their Subsistence, and I have no doubt but you will receive Instructions from their Lordships on that point by this conveyance.¹

However desirable it might be to encrease the Military Force in the Province of Quebec, I cannot at this moment encourage you to expect that the Measure will be adopted from the weak State of the Army remaining in this Kingdom, and the various Services which call for their execution ; Your Suggestions relative to the raising Colonial Regiments² it must be allowed are worthy of consideration, and will be attended to at a proper time, when the State of the Province again becomes the Subject of discussion.

In the present posture of Our affairs with the American States, His Majesty's Ministers do not judge it adviseable to renew the Office of Lieu^t Governor of Detroit, particularly whilst the Command of the Post continues in the hands of Major Ancram, who is represented to be a discreet and intelligent Officer.

His Majesty's Ministers could have wished that the Expence of the Quarter Master General, Barrack and Marine Departments had not been encreased without their concurrence ; they have, however, from a desire to show countenance to your Proceedings in every possible way, consented that the present Establishment shall continue until final Arrangements shall be made for the execution of the Duties of those Departments, which are now a Subject of Consideration. At the same time I must acquaint you, that they feel themselves under the necessity of refusing a Compliance with your requisition for the Allowance of Aids de Camp, as the admitting an Innovation of that Sort, inconsistently with the regular Line of Military Service would not only be productive of Jealousies and Discontents, but in many respects be extremely prejudicial to His Majesty's Service.³

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¹ See Hope to Nepean, Q 25, p. 29, and reply, *ibid.* p. 33.

² See Hope to Sydney, p. 793.

³ See Hope to Sydney, Q 25, p. 237. In this he states that he has appointed two aids-de-camp, whom he expects to be paid.