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and to divide our forces in the new world, the French had found means to spirit up a new Indian war. So that after the conquest of Quebec, we had every inch of ground to maintain, by force of arms, in Canada, and some of our valuable

lish traders are eager to procure them, because they have been regularly paid.

You see, Sir, that the colony is drawing to the end of its hardships and distresses, and that it is upon the point of seeing plenty succeed to scarcity.

If the English make any attempt, it can have no other object than the ambition of their generals; we are thoroughly prepared to repulse them with spirit; we have a train of artillery, besides that which we took from the enemy; a still greater proportion of powder, ball, and ammunition, for the operations, which I have projected; we have also provisions enough, by means of the resources, which we shall find in the good will of the Canadians, who have the greatest interest in the preservation of their religion and liberty. The King's troops will even live, if necessary, upon roots, when they cannot do better, and will not fail to join their endeavours to those of the brave Canadians.

My intention then is, that you and all your militia, should hold yourselves ready to march with arms, baggage, and eight days provisions, to our frontiers, when the case shall require it.

I believe I may venture to assure you, that these will be the last dispositions, which I shall have occasion to make, for the defence of this colony; being firmly convinced, that some time in August, at latest, we shall have peace, provisions, and, in general, whatever we want.

I am, &c.

P. S. You will assemble the militia of your company, and read this letter to them; you will carefully inspect their arms; if any of them are out of order, you will give them a note, and the King's gunsmiths will repair them immediately.

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