

(if I am rightly informed) are composed of good Men, and may be enlisted with more Speed and less Expence, than those that might be raised on the Continent, after the great Number of Recruits that have been already raised there.

In my Letter of the 29th of *March*, I proposed to Governor *Shirley*, to make our Address to you, that either his Regiment, or that of Sir *William Pepperell*, might pass over here to protect the Province, in Case I should think it necessary; though I observed at the same Time, that I did not see great Need for such Proceedings, as I was upon the Point of receiving Two Thousand Two or Three Hundred Men, who are now at *Beau-sejour*, the only Passage by Land to come to this Province, and whereby we might dread the Insults of our Neighbours the *French*. I am, yet, Sir, of the same Mind, as there is not as yet any real Change of Affairs in *America*: Nevertheless, should there be a Rupture with the *French*, which, according to all Appearance, may happen, it would be extremely necessary to stand upon our Guard; and I think it my Duty to inform you, that in such a Case, the three Regiments completed as they are to be, together with the Rangers, the Militia, and the Forces we can depend upon, would by no Means be proportionable to the Number of Posts we have to defend, if possible; particularly if we consider, that in the very Heart of the Province, we have a formidable Number of those who are called *Neutral French*, a People well experienced in the Use of Arms, and in Conjunction with the *French*\*; who, upon the least Attempt, *Canada* would make to invade us: I believe it is most probable, they would immediately join with them. As I look upon this Article to be of Importance, I thought it my Duty to submit it to your Reflection.

**I** The Subscriber, one of the Superior Council of Quebec, do certify, That I have translated, &c. Numb.

\* The Motions of these *French* were only feared then in the Time of a Rupture, that is to say, an open War; this destroys the Accusations contained in the Memorials sent by Governor *Cornwallis*.

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