



By his EXCELLENCY

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Captain-General and Governour in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay in New-England*; Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in *North-America*.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.



HEREAS the Governments of the *Massachusetts-Bay, New-York, and Connecticut*, being apprehensive of the great Danger to which His Majesty's Colonies are still exposed, by Means of the Encroachments of the *French* on His Majesty's Lands on this Continent, and of the absolute Necessity there is of a vigorous and speedy Prosecution of all proper Methods for stopping the Progress of the *French* in their Invasion of His Majesty's Territories and distressing His good Subjects in *North-America*, and for recovering out of their Hands those Places they have unjustly invaded; more especially such as are upon or near the Lake *Iroquois*, commonly called Lake *Chamblain*; have in Prospect of the other Governments joining with them herein, agreed to raise such Number of Forces for prosecuting this Design, as they judge may, by the Blessing of GOD, prove effectual for these Ends;

I Do therefore upon the special Request of the Council and House of Representatives of this Province, for the Encouragement of such Persons as shall be willing to engage in this Service, hereby publish and declare the several Articles which have been agreed upon and voted by the General Court for promoting this Expedition:

Which Articles are as follows, viz.

THAT there be granted to each able-bodied and effective Man, that shall enlist, before the *Twentieth* Day of *March* next, a Bounty or Encouragement of *Six Dollars* and a Blanket.

THAT such Men as were in the last Expedition, and shall enlist anew, shall be allowed Half-Wages from the *Seventeenth* Day of *December*, when the Pay of the last Army ceased, over and above the Encouragement aforesaid.

THAT the same Wages be allowed to the Officers and Men, as in the last Expedition; That *Half a Dollar* for each Man, be allowed to the Officers for the Expence and Trouble of Enlisting; And that such Officers and Soldiers as shall proceed in the said Expedition, shall not be taxed for their Polls the present Year.

And, THAT they shall not be compelled to march Southward of *Albany*, or Westward of *Schenectady*, and shall be discharged as soon as the Expedition shall be finished; or at furthest within a Year after their Enlistment.

And I do hereby promise in behalf of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, that there shall be a full Compliance with all and every the Articles aforesaid.

GIVEN at Boston, the *Eighteenth* Day of February, 1756, in the *Twenty-ninth* Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. Willard, Sec'ry.

W. Shirley.

GOD Save the KING.