

New-York, May 19.

Head-Quarters,

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The Commander in Chief has the King's Orders to signify to the Provincial Troops, that His Majesty, anxious to reward their faithful services and spirited Conduct upon several Occasions, has been pleased to confer upon them the following marks of his Royal Favor.

All Officers of Provincial Corps that are, or may be raised in America, shall when on Service with the regular Troops, take Rank as Juniors of the Rank to which they belong.

Such Officers as may be wounded in Action, so as to lose a Limb or be Maim'd, shall be entitled to the same gratuity of one year's advance'd Pay as Officers of the established Army, in that Predicament are entitled to Receive : And it is further his Majesty's gracious intending to make Provision for all such non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, as shall be disabled, from Wounds received in his Service.

In order to distinguish the zeal of the Officers of such Regiments as shall be completed to *ten* Companies, (including *three* Contingent Men per Company) His Majesty will, upon the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, make the Rank of those Officers permanent in America, and will allow them Half-Pay upon the same manner as the Officers of British reduced Regiments are paid.

The Commander in Chief is further ordered upon this Occasion, to repeat the Promise of grants of Land, upon the Terms, and in the proportions held forth by Sir William Howe.