

be retained in the service of Great Britain as regular troops, issued the following proclamation :

“ Having received Information that the Inlistment of Volunteers to serve in the Forces in the Pay of this Colony has been greatly discouraged from an Apprehension that they may be compelled to enter the King's Regular Forces, and that such of them as already or may be hereafter embarked, are to proceed on some service from whence they will not speedily return : In order to remove such Prejudices, and the Obstruction that might arise thereby to the King's service, You are to make known to the Volunteers already inlisted, and to all Persons whom you shall endeavour to inlist in the Pay of this Province, that His Excellency, Sir Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, hath assured me the Provincial Troops of this Colony shall not by any Means be compelled to inlist in the Regular Service. Those who embark, amounting to Five Hundred and Fifty-Three, shall, as soon as the Service they be destin'd for is effected, which cannot be of long Duration, immediately return to New York. That the Remainder of the Troops of this Province are ordered to Albany, and from thence to Oswego, where they will be employed as last year, unless other Services shall call them from thence ; and that when the Campaign is over they will of Course be sent back to their Homes.

“ You are also to notify That the Troops who embark will receive an additional Bounty of forty Shillings allowed by the Province as a farther Encouragement to induce them to go on that Service with Cheerfulness and Alacrity.

“ Given under my Hand at Fort George, in New York, the Twenty-first Day of May, 1762.

“ CADWALLADER COLDEN.

“ To COLONEL MICHAEL THODEY, commanding officer, and to all officers authorized to inlist Volunteers to serve in the Forces in the Pay of the Colony of New York.”<sup>1</sup>

“ Havana.” as described by Bancroft, “ was then as now, [in 1852,] the chief place in the West Indies, built on a harbor large enough to shelter all the navies of Europe, capable of being made impregnable from the sea, having docks in which ships of war of the first magnitude were constructed, rich from the products of the surrounding country, and the centre of the trade with Mexico. Of this magnificent city England undertook the conquest. The command of her army, in which Carleton and Howe each led two battalions, was given to Albe-

<sup>1</sup> *Vide*: Collections of the New York Historical Society for the year 1891. Muster-rolls of the New York provincial troops, pp. 268-273 ; 521, 525, 541, 545, 548, 549 ; 254-255 ; 380-381 ; 527, 536 ; 472-473.

Document No. 8, in the Appendix.