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Excerpts from letters from Secretary of State William Pitt, to the Governors of Mass. Bay, N.H., Conn., R.I., N.Y., and N.J; Received March 10, 1758

Directions: Read the Letters and answer the questions that follow. Use a dictionary for unfamiliar words, bearing in mind that some words were spelled differently in the eighteenth century.

Letter 1

...The King having judged proper, that the Earl of Loudoun should return to England; And His Majesty having been pleased to appoint Major General Abercromby to succeed his Lordship,...I am commanded to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure, that you do apply to...Major General Abercromby on all Matters relating to the King's service.

Letter 2

All Officers of the Provincial Forces, as high as Colonels inclusive, are to have Rank, according to their several respective Commissions, in like Manner, as is already Given, by His Majesty's Regulations, to the Captains of Provincial Troops in America.

The King is further pleased to furnish all the Men [the provincial troops]... with Arms, Ammunition, and Tents, as well as to order Provisions to be issued to the same,...in the same Proportion and Manner as is done to the rest of the King's Forces.... The Whole, therefore, that His Majesty expects and requires from the several Provinces, is, the Levying, Cloathing, and Pay of the Men; And...The King is farther most Graciously pleased to... [tell] You that strong Recommendations will be made to Parliament...to grant a proper Compensation for such Expences as above, according to the active Vigour and strenuous Effort of the respective provinces.

Source: Pitt to the Governors of Mass. Bay, N.H., Conn., R.I., N.Y., and N.J. 30 Dec. 1757, quoted in Fred Anderson, *Crucible of War*, pp. 225-226.

1. Explain how the quote from Letter 1 above changed the course of the war.
2. *Rank* and *Compensation for Expences* are key words in Letter 2. Explain why these two topics were important to colonial legislatures recruiting soldiers.