

Attention might not be diverted I decline mentioning any Other Matters untill you shall have Come to some resolution with regard to the Generals Letter to which I hope you will very soon enable me to give such an Answer as might Convince him that you merit the confidence he hath been pleased to repose in the Assembly, and that you meet Determined to Demonstrate by your proceedings, more than by professions that you are pleased with the extraordinary Zeal which our Troops have shewn for his Majestys Service and the Honour of the Province, and that Notwithstanding the Ill Opinion which some who are Strangers to the Real Principles of the Inhabitants of Maryland have been led to entertain of them, there are not in his Majestys Dominions more Loyal nor more Dutifull Subjects.

U. H. J.
Liber No. 35
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Camp at Carlisle July 20.th 1758

Sir

Having considered what you have told me Concerning the Situation of your Maryland Troops and particularly about the distressed Condition of the officers, and of M.^r Ross by whom your Forces have been victualled Since the Money which was granted by your Assembly for their Support was expended and being very averse to your Troops being disbanded at this critical Juncture when in all Probability I shall have great occasion for their Service I am induced to Advance a Sum of Money towards relieving those Gentlemen in Some Measure from the Difficulties wherein they are involved by the Late Extraordinary Conduct of your Assembly and to encourage your Troops to keep Together dureing the Campaign

As I do not Take upon myself to pay your Troops the arrears that are due to them, or Satisfy M.^r Ross but expect that your Assembly will out of the Supplies which they shall grant at their next meeting appropriate a Sum for those Purposes, I shall not Concern myself with any Accounts whatever that I leave to your Assembly or to Such Persons as you or they may appoint but what I Advance I advance upon the Credit of the Province to be repaid me out of the first Money that your Assembly may raise, and I desire you will Communicate this Letter to them that they may be thoroughly apprized of my Intentions and Expectations.

As I doubt not but your Assembly will Notwithstanding what has Lately happened be satisfied with my keeping your Troops together till the end of the Campaign I shall not Scruple to Assure them that they will most Certainly be paid as Long as they shall Continue in the Service.

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I am with great Regard &^{ca}

Your Excellencys most Obed.^t & most Humble Serv.^t
To Gov.^r Sharpe.

Jo. fforbes

Mess.^{rs} Murdock and Gassaway from the Lower House acquaint his Excellency that their House hath made choice of M.^r Michael