

protect the Virginia & Maryland Back Settlements & prevent the Incursions of any small parties of the Enemy, than to be easily & commodiously supplied at present with provisions. Letter Bk. II.

Upon my Return thence I met the Assembly of this province & pressed them in the most urgent manner to make an addition to the Sum they sometime since granted for the Defence of His Majestys Dominions, but the Conduct of the neighbouring province whose Assembly was then & had been some time sitting influenced but too much I doubt their minds & Behaviour & made them averse (after having made the greatest professions of their being truly sensible of the Danger that threatens them & fully determined to pay the greatest Regard & Obedience to his Majestys pleasure which you had been pleased to signify to them) to granting any farther Supplies, unless by an Addition to the paper Cash already circulating in this Government, to which Scheme as it evidently appeared pregnant with many Evils & much Detriment to the province in general the Upper House of Assembly refused their Concurrence. I have appointed them to meet again the 20<sup>th</sup> of next Month when I hope they will fall on some unexceptionable method, to raise & give as large a Sum as the Circumstances of the Inhabitants can afford: at least you will be pleased to think I hope that I will leave no Stone unturned to procure from them such Supplies as the Exigency of Affairs require & to shew on my part the most dutiful & punctual Obedience to his Majesty's Commands & the Orders & Directions that I have had the honour to receive from yourself & the Ld proprietary. The intervening time I propose to spend at the Camp for which place I intend to depart to morrow; having ordered all the Virginia & our Recruits (who together make about 600) thither that I may endeavour to dicipline them as well as the time will permit & make proper preparations for the Reception of those Forces which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to order over for the protection of his American Subjects & his Dominions upon this Continent. You will not I hope entertain the least Doubt of my being incessant in my Endeavours to excite & rouse the people of this province to the performance of their Duty to His Majesty & themselves; & I beg leave to assure you that to the utmost of my power I will obey in every Article the Orders you were pleased to give me in your Letter dated the 26<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> which I have just had the Satisfaction to receive if the Troops who have Orders to be transported hither should disembark in or have Occasion to march thro this Govern<sup>t</sup> I will take Care that they shall want neither Victuals or any accommodations that this Country where the Inhabitants are dispersed & not resident together in Towns or Villages can afford I should not do Captains Fitzhugh & Rosse on half

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