

G Britain shall first interpose & remove all Occasion of Dispute between us, in the mean time I shall endeavour to regulate our Militia as well as the Law will support me in doing & I hope I shall be able to draft & form a Company of Eighty out of them to range on our Extreme Borders to protect the Frontiers; Provisions I shall order to be impressed where it can be found, & for Subsistance they must trust to the Generosity of some future & more benevolent Assembly. I intend to go to Frederickton next week to review the Militia & the Company of Rangers therefrom to be drafted before they march. I had besides defraying the Expence of the Curriers advanced £100, for the Subsistance of the Maryland Company to this time hoping the Assembly would be prevailed on to grant a small Sum from whence I might be repaid but as their late Conduct makes me despair of being ever reimbursed, I have writ to the General & the Captain acquainting them that I can make no more Remittances for the Support of the Company, which I therefore hope the General will order to be divided between the Regiments. I have received a Lett^r from Gov^r Morris dated the 3^d Inst. in which he gives me just such an Acc^t of the Event of his Assembly's Meeting as I have given you of Ours, & in every part of it he expresses Despair of seeing it otherwise till a great Reformation be made in that Gov^t. When Col^o Innes writ to me the 22^d of June since which time I have received no Lett^r from the Camp, his Garrison consisted of 22 Men 30 of them sick, there were also left with him at Fort Cumberland 50 Invalids from the European Regiments I beleive he thinks the Garrison full small & will be glad of your Reinforcement which (as you know my Condition & that I must pay from my own purse for the Conveyance of Ammunition to the Militia) will I hope receive your Orders to convoy up the Stores that you mention & I apprehend they would be carried with less Danger by Land than by Water. Gov^r Shirley advised me before he left Boston (I beleive he is eer this on his way from Albany to Oswego) that the French Fleet from Brest was seen by several Vessels a little to the Eastward of Cape Breton & that certain Intelligence had been brought to Boston of Admiral Boscawen's being at St Johns in Newfoundland with 10 Capital Ships 3 of his squadron having seperated from him in the passage; Gov^r Morris in his Lett^r says "last night we had Acc^{ts} that the French Fleet with 4000 Land Forces were in the Harbour of Louisburg & that Boscawen with 13 Ships of the Line was before it, this news may I beleive be depended on tho it is not absolutely certain," private Letters from Phil^a say the French Fleet consists of 6 Men of War & 9 large Transports, there is great reason to think that the Embargo which was laid in

Letter Bk. II.

p. 103