

proposed by the Bill brought in the same day and which had Miscarried on occasion of the Amendment to the Use of the Lord Proprietor.

And then the Lieut Governor in compliance with their repeated request (after acquainting them in a short Speech that he found the Business for which they were Convened must be left undone) Prorogued them with the Advice of the Council to the first of January then next.

The 9th of July The Lieut Governor by Letter acquainted the Lord Proprietor with his having Prorogued the Assembly and that as no other hopes then remained, he was about to Set off for Frederick County to try what could be done with the Militia of that County, whose officers were ordered to meet, and that he intended to have Eighty men furnish'd from their several Companys by Lot or otherwise which he should form into one Company of Rangers and Impress Victuals according to the Direction of the Militia Act for their Subsistance, 'till the Barbarians should decline to infest their Borders.

The 23^d of July The Lieut Governor sent an Account received from Captⁿ Orme of the Unhappy Defeat of Gen^l Braddock, and writes that when he received that Account, he was on his way to Fort Cumberland with a number of Gentlemen and Voluntiers who had Entered into an Association to bear Arms and Protect their Frontiers. That he should now Halt at Frederick Town and if he found the Troops were well Supplied, should Expend part of a Sum (which the Council and Gentlemen of the Assembly of the Country had Subscribed upon the Assembly's Refusal at their last Meeting to Grant any Supplies) in Purchasing a Quantity of fresh Provisions and such things as he should think necessary for the Troops; And Escort them with such men as he could perswade to join him to Fort Cumberland, where he expected to find Col Dunbar by that time arrived. That he should then Learn what he proposed to do, and if he should Resolve to make another Attempt before he could receive Instructions from home, He (the Lieut Governor) should perhaps be under a Necessity of meeting the Assembly again and Solliciting them to send them a Re-inforcement and a Quantity of Provisions and Ammunition. That the Subscription which had been made would at least Enable him to keep up a Company of Rangers for the Protection of the Frontiers.

The 11th of August The Lieut Governor writes to the Lord Proprietor as follows

In my Letter dated the 23^d of July I Gave your Lordship an Account of Gen^l Braddock's misfortune near the Banks of Monongahala and acquainted your Lordship that I was then proceeding towards Wills's Creek Principally with a View of