

America, as well in Relation to the Ordnance and Stores of War which are in each Colony respectively as to the Forts and Fortifications & the Number of their Inhabitants, it is the King's Pleasure, that you should prepare and transmit to the Earl of Loudoun, or the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces for the Time being, an exact & particular account thereof, with Respect to the Colony under your Government, in which you are to express the present actual State & quantity of the Canon, small Arms, Amunition and other Ordnance and Military Stores, belonging to the said Colony, either in the publick Magazines, or in the Possession of the Militia, or other private Persons, together with the true State of all Places, either already fortified or which you judge forthwith necessary to be fortified with your opinion at large in what manner His Majesty may farther contribute to the Security & Defence of the said Colony & also as exact an Account as you can obtain of what Number the Militia is composed, and how armed, mustered & trained,

I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant

H Fox

P. S.

Your Letter of Oct^r 8th
has been received

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

Original.

[Morris to Sharpe.]

Sir,

I congratulate you on General Shirley's Nomination, and the Vote of your Assembly which I hope they will carry into execution & raise the Money time enough to answer the Publick Purposes.

My Assembly have been sitting from the 3^d of Feb^y but have come to no Resolutions as to the part they will take in the operations of the summer, and are now adjourned for a fortnight, which in my mind, after such a delay amounts to a declaration that they do not intend to do more than they have already done; but I may be mistaken.

We have in this Province no Cannon but what are mounted upon a Battery near Philad^a they are Iron of 18, 24, & 32 pound shot, and are the property of private Men.

The friendly Indians that Remain with us are very few and they are so much affraid of being near the frontiers, where they may be mistaken for Enemies that I have removed them to