

Resolve for that sum, they could not in Hon<sup>r</sup> pass this as a Rider to a Money Bill for a Supply to His Majesty which is unconstitutional & therefore rejected it. I took all the Pains in my Power to convince them of the Irregularity of their Proceedings by acquainting them that the Resolve for that sum with their other resolves, lay now with the King & Council; it was therefore out of our Hands & we could not meddle with it till we heard the Determination of the Council thereon; but all the Arguments I cou'd use availed Nothing, they were obstinate & by no means wou'd send the Bill without the Rider to the Council, on which I was obliged to prorogue them till the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, when I hope they will come in better Temper; & before that Time I expect a Kings Ship with M<sup>r</sup> Dobbs Gov<sup>r</sup> of N. Carolina, & by him probably shall have Acc<sup>t</sup> of all the Affairs that lie before the Council.

The Plan of operations that I proposed for this Fall are entirely defeated. 1<sup>st</sup> By the N. Carolina Forces disbanding themselves; which was occasioned by a monstrous mismanagement of them from the Beginning: They raised 12,000 the President of that Colony gave the private Men 3/ Procl<sup>a</sup> Money p Day, & the officers in Proportion, so that their Money was wholly expended before they joined the other Forces, & wou'd serve no longer without Assurance of the above Pay; This is monstrous ill Conduct, & the more so, because I wrote the President the Establishment of the Pay of our Forces. Next is the reduction of the Number of our regiment those killed & the Wounded unfit for Service, & Desertion, which has reduced their Number to 150.—If the 20,000 had passed, I fully intended to augment our regiment to eight Companies of 70 Men each, which, with officers wanted, wou'd have made 600 Men, & in course made up the Deficiency occasioned by the N. Carolina People; but the obstinacy of our Assembly has defeated my Intentions, & am now perswaded that no Expedition can be conducted here, with Dependence on American Assemblies, I have therefore wrote to that Purpose Home, & have proposed a British Act of Parliament, to compell the Subjects here to obedience to His Majesty's Com<sup>ands</sup>, & to protect their Properties from the Insults of the French, by proper supplies & a vigorous resistance, who no doubt will take advantage of our Divisions, & I much dread their Incursions among our Inhabitants this Winter.

Under these great Disappointments, I determine to keep the few People we have in Pay; & propose one hundred of them to march to Wills's Creek, to join the Independ<sup>t</sup> Companies, & to endeavour to secure a Pass over the Allegany Mountains by erecting a Fort leaving a sufficient Number of Men therein with a proper Quantity of Provisions to facilitate our operations next