

In my Letter dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> I advised you of the Measures which the Lower House was then pursuing & of what I expected would be the Event. I likewise sent you an Account of every thing that had passed between them & me from the Beginning of the preceeding Session till that time with respect to Fort Cumberland. This Account (in the form of a Narrative) I have now brought down to the 16<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> when the Assembly was prorogued and by a Vessel that was bound to Liverpool I took the Liberty to send His Lordship a Copy the Instant I had finished it. Lest that should be miscarried I herewith send you another together with a Copy of the Bill that was prepared in the Lower House for raising a Supply but returned by the Upper without any Reasons they being unanimously of opinion that every Part of it was exceptionable & many most iniquitous and unjust that several Parts of it were purposely calculated to weaken the Government by putting too great a Share of Power into the hands of the People after the Pensilvania Plan & that after all, tho' the Money proposed to be raised was said to be granted for the Support of Troops for His Majesty's Service yet that by restraining the Service of those Troops to a particular Spot His Majesty's Service must in fact be cramped and retarded while the King's undoubted prerogative was most presumptuously invaded. I have agreeable to the Desire of the Lower House sent a Copy of their Bill to the Earl of Loudoun from which I am well assured His Ldp will see clearly that His Majestys Service is not interrupted or clog'd in this Government by any private Instructions or (as they speak in Pensilvania) by Proprietary Measures; but that in Truth the Assembly is averse to giving Money at all. It would not be very unnatural I think to conclude from their Attempt to assume or take into their own Hands the Power or Right of directing how such Troops as they would agree to support should act, that they had really forgot that I am sufficiently impowered by his Lordship's Commission & the Laws of the Province to compel every Individual to march to any part where I may Judge their Service necessary, & that if no more than a few Men to range on our Frontiers are wanting I need not apply for them to the Lower House of Assembly, I am very sorry to be laid under the Necessity of protecting the Frontier Inhabitants with Militia only but since the Earl of Loudoun has undertaken to support a Garrison at Fort Cumberland I hope I shall be able to protect them effectually & it is not improbable I think that by the Militia's being thus called upon to defend their Country they will in time be inspired with a Fondness for Military Reputation & that a Man will be the better esteemed for having served a while on the Frontiers; should