

Declaration they made in their Address to me concerning the Letter Bk. III  
Upper House must be attributed to their absolute Ignorance of our Constitution or to a worse motive I cannot tell but they have I find taken abundance of pains to convince the people of the Inutility or rather Impropriety of an Upper House of Assembly in this Province & I have great Reason to believe that if they had not at this time given me an opportunity of stopping them in their Career they would in a year or two have offered their Bills directly to myself instead of first sending them to the Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Upper House for their Concurrence & their Constituents would no doubt have been told that it was agreeable to the Usage in Pens<sup>a</sup> for them to do so. If the Information I have taken the Liberty to give our Gent<sup>n</sup> has the good Effect I intended & prevents such wild Excursions for the future I shall have very little Reason to complain of their Serjeant's being sent for my Secretary & indeed as the matter stands at present I am well pleased that they did so since it has given me an opportunity of vindicating my Character publickly which I should have wanted if they had contented themselves with entering on their Journal by way of Resolve what they have now roundly asserted in their Address which would most certainly have been the Case had M<sup>r</sup> Ridout declined waiting on them when he was first sent for—The next thing that the Gent<sup>n</sup> went upon was an Enquiry into the Conduct of the Officers & Men that have been supported at the Expence of this Province for His Majesty's Service & the security of our Frontier Inhabitants, not that any thing had happened which rendered such an Enquiry necessary or proper for we have lost but two people on the Frontiers during the whole summer but an accusation ag<sup>st</sup> the Troops was to be cook't up at any Rate & in order to furnish themselves with materials every Idle & wicked Fellow that could be found on the Frontiers was brought down to prove before their Committee that the Soldiers had not done the Duty for which they were raised. The Result was that the officers were severely censured nay Ld Loudoun did not escape for giving as they say improper orders, & it then became a question whether any of the Troops should be supported to a longer Day. After mature Consideration it was Resolved that instead of 500 Men there should be hereafter no more than 300 kept in the Pay of this province & that the Service of those should be restrained in such a manner as to deprive both Ld Loudoun & myself of all Command & Authority over them; As soon as I was advised of their being come to such a Resolution I dispatched an Express to His Ldp & by his Return received a Letter from him wherein he was pleased to require or demand that they should continue to support the