

this Vote was reassumed & then the number was reduced to 300. Before a Bill could be framed in Consequence of this Resolution I received & communicated to them another Letter from the Earl of Loudoun wherein His Ldp desired that an Additional Number of Men over & above the 500 supposed to be already on Foot should be raised immediately at the Expence of this Province & be ready about the Beginning of April to join such of His Majestys Regular Forces as might be employed this Summer in an Expedition to the Westward of these Southern Colonies. Upon this it was Resolved in the Lower House that Provision should be made for the Support of 300 Men to be employed for the more immediate Defence & Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants & that 400 Additionals should be raised to act in Conjunction with His Majesty's Regular Forces. A Bill was thereupon prepared for raising the necessary Supplies but as the Majority of the House were entirely averse to giving Money great Care was taken to Clog it in such a manner as might lay the Upper House under the Necessity of refusing it, by which means it was hoped that the odium which might be the Consequence of no Supplies being granted would fall entirely on those that rejected & not on those that had offered a Bill for His Majestys Service. Agreeable to their Expectations it was returned with a negative & by Advice of the Council the Assembly was prorogued as soon as the Lower House had come to a Resolution that they would enter on no new Business. Matters being thus brought to an Issue & no hopes left of any Assistance from the Assembly I advised with the Council about the Steps that ought to be taken for the Protection of our Frontier Inhabitants & agreeable to their Advice I issued orders Yesterday Evening after the Assembly was prorogued for two more Companies of Militia to march to Fort Frederick & do Duty there for two months, at the Expiration of which time I proposed to order some others to relieve them & also to go thither Myself. But I have this Morning received Letters from Mr Pitt advising me of the Earl of Loudoun's being recalled & requiring me to convene the Assembly again as soon as possible & to press them in the most importunate manner to raise a considerable Body of Troops for the Service of the ensuing Campaign. This being the Case I shall be obliged to meet them once more next Thursday Sennight the Day to which they stand prorogued, & I hope we shall then do something for promoting the Common Cause tho I must confess at the same time I am much afraid that this Circular Letter of Mr Pitt will not be considered as an order to the Assemblies so much as an Instruction to the several Governors to purchase Supplies from the People at

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