

Letter Bk. I. with the Disputes of the Pensilvanians & Nothing less will content them than to be invested with all the Powers of Govern^t both Legislative & Executive. Your Ldp will readily
 P. 343 perceive what pains they have taken to impose on their Constituents, this laid me under a Necessity of being extremely prolix in my answer tho not more so than the Gentlemen of the Council thought proper. I hope your Ldp will be of opinion that I have sufficiently justified the Measures which I undertook to defend. The Troops that were raised here last year continue still to garrison Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick altho it is now 7 Months since they received any Pay; what will be now done with them I do not know but have reason to believe that when Brigadier Forbes & I meet on the Frontiers towards the End of this Month he will be prevailed on to take them into His Majestys Pay as Rangers during the Campaign. The Troops destined for this Expedition agst Fort Du Quesne are Col^o Montgomerie's Battalion of Highlanders which is hourly expected from S^o Carolina, four Companies of the first Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, two Regiments of Virginians each to consist of 1000 Men, 3000 Pens^a Provincials, & about 5 or 6 hundred Indians of the Cherokee Creek & Catawba Nations. All of them except the Virginians are to rendezvous at Fort Frederick but when they will be able to march thence I know not as it is said that the Vessel which was sent from Europe with Artillery & Stores for this Service is not yet arrived. Untill the Troops move I apprehend our Frontier Inhabitants will be quite secure & afterwards I shall use my best Endeavours to protect them effectually with Militia, for which Purpose I intend to remain at Fort Frederick myself during the Summer. We are told that the Transports are sailed from Phila^a N York & Boston with several Regiments for Hallifax & it is reported that Admiral Boscawen is also arrived there in that Case We may soon expect to receive an Account of Louisburg's being besieged, & we shall likewise expect to hear very soon of General Abercromby's being on his March towards Crown Point. The inclosed List will shew Your Ldp the Destination of the several Regiments that are already in America but how compleat they are I cannot say. As I am sensible that Your Ldp will be anxious to receive the most early Intelligence of General Forbes's Motions & Success I shall not fail to write from Fort Fred^k as often as I may have any thing worth Communicating.