

Letter Bk. I. between the two Houses on the Supply Bill I have sent you a Copy of an Address that was presented to Myself remonstrating agst the Orders that with the Advice of the Council I issued some time ago to the Captains of some Companies of Militia in Kent & Queen Anns Counties, I likewise send you a Copy of my answer to it which I have ordered to be printed in the Gazette not doubting but the People will be thereby undeceived with respect to several Matters that have been grossly misrepresented to them. In my last Letter I told you it was generally expected that the Assembly of Pensilvania would break up without doing any thing for His Majesty's Service. They did so at that time but after 10 Days they met again & offered the Governor such a Bill for raising £100,000 as he was prevailed on to pass tho it appears from his Message to the Assembly which you will find in the inclosed Gazette that it was with the greatest Reluctance he did so. I am glad however that he came to such a Resolution as the Expedition which Brigadier Forbes is about to undertake might otherwise have been very hazardous. It is said that the Virginia & Pensilvania Officers recruit with great Success & that their Numbers will in all probability be completed before the General will be in readiness to march as the Ship that was bound to Phila^a with Artillery & Stores for this Expedition is not yet arrived. Col^o Bouquet with the four Companies of the first Battalion of the Royal American Regiment is marched from Phila^a towards the Frontiers of Pensilvania but we have not yet received any Account of the Arrival of Col^o Montgomerie with his Battalion from Carolina. As Fort Frederick is to be the Place of Rendezvous for the Regulars & the Pensilvania Forces our Frontier Inhabitants cannot be in any Danger till the Troops move from that Place before that time I shall repair thither & agreeable to the Advice of the Council shall order two or three Companies of Militia to march & do Duty in the Fort & on the Frontiers during the Continuance of the Expedition. It is rumoured that Admiral Boscawen is arrived at Hallifax but this is not so certain as that the Transports are sailed from Boston N York & Phila^a with the Troops that embarked at those Places.

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I send you by this opportunity the Power of Attorney from M^r Benj^a Ogle & in a Letter directed to my Brother Joshua is the Power from the Young Gentleman's Guardians. The Leaves that you speak of at the End of Ann Arundel Rent Roll is no more than an Index to the Book, & the Figures denote the Pages where the Names of the several Tracts of Land are entered. M^r Tasker never gave me any Papers relative to M^r Hides Affairs unless they were contained in a Letter that he might have desired me to transmit with my own Packet to