

Lordships Favour. I shall in Obedience to your Lordships Commands recommend it to the Assembly at their next Session to come into the proposal which the Virginians have made for erecting a Light House on Cape Henry at the Entrance of the Bay of Chesopeak but notwithstanding it would be exceedingly beneficial to the Trade of this Province as well as to that of Virginia, I am afraid our Lower House of Assembly will start many objections & that it will be no easy matter to bring them into such a measure

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Having received a Letter from Brigadier General Forbes soon after the Assembly broke up wherein he told me that altho our Assembly had declined granting any Supplies for the support of the Troops which had been raised here since the beginning of the War & which were then in Garrison at Fort Cumberland & this place, yet that he could not think of parting with them, & that rather than suffer Soldiers who were inured to Hardships and well acquainted with the Country where the Scene of Action would in all probability lye to be disbanded he would take them into the King's pay on the Footing of Rangers, and the General having desired me in the same Letter to meet S<sup>r</sup> John S<sup>t</sup> Clair the 18<sup>th</sup> of May or as soon after as possible in order to settle with him about the said Troops I repaired to Conegochiegh the 20<sup>th</sup> of that Month, but we did nothing with respect to this matter before the beginning of June, S<sup>r</sup> John being till that time engaged at Winchester in forming the new Levies which had been raised in Virginia & in equipping them for the Campaign. He has since been at Conegochiegh & advanced our Officers three Months pay for their respective Companies, which is something less than 350 Men. The General has likewise promised to advance a considerable Sum of Money to the Gentleman that has victualled our Troops since the 8<sup>th</sup> of October last upon a Presumption that our Assembly will be prevailed on to reimburse him. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June those of our Forces that were here being ordered to March hence on the 16<sup>th</sup> of that month I was laid under a necessity of ordering two Companies of Militia to the Frontiers for the Protection of the Inhabitants, & I have the Satisfaction to inform Your Lordship that notwithstanding the extraordinary Resolves of the Lower House of Assembly which were calculated to prevent their marching the two Cap<sup>ts</sup> to whom my orders were sent were here the 16<sup>th</sup> agreeable to my orders. One of the Companies took possession of this Fort the same Day upon our Troops leaving it, & the other Company Marched to a place called Bakers Fort which lies about 12 Miles North Eastward from this & within about two Miles of the Temporary Line; the Men of both Companies have behaved extremely well, Parties