

having first wrote to the General & obtained his Approbation ; Letter Bk. IV  
the 3<sup>d</sup> Day afterwards I returned to Fort Frederick & having  
ordered out another Company to relieve the Militia which  
had garrisoned that place I sett off & came to Annapolis the  
19<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> in order to meet the Assembly which has been  
sitting ever since the 23<sup>d</sup> of that Month I shall take the Lib-  
erty to inclose Your Ldp a Copy of my Speech to them at the  
Opening of the Session & the Addresses which the two  
Houses were pleased to present in Answer thereto, the Gent<sup>n</sup>  
of the Lower House have Resolved that they will reimburse  
the General & pay off the Arrears that are due to the Mary-  
land Troops out of the first Supplies that shall be granted, but  
as the present House consists for the most part of the Mem- p. 7  
bers that composed the last I am much afraid I shall not have  
the Satisfaction of giving my Assent to a Supply Bill this Ses-  
sion nor indeed do I expect to have that pleasure untill the  
Dispute which has so long subsisted in Pensilvania about the  
Right of the People to tax the Proprietaries Quit Rents &  
other Estate in what manner they please shall be happily  
determined. In the Maryland Gazette of the      of Oct<sup>r</sup> Your  
Ldp will see the most particular Account that has been yet  
given Us of the Action that happened between a Detachment  
of our Forces of which Major Grant had the Command & a  
Detachment of French & Indians near Fort Du Quesne the  
of Sept<sup>r</sup> & Your Ldp will learn from the Gazette of Yester-  
day's Date that the French have since attacked our Advanced  
Post. As the General has not thought proper to take any  
Notice of this Affair in a Letter which he sent me from Raes  
Town the 22<sup>d</sup> of last Month I am afraid we have not much  
Reason to triumph. Before I returned from the Frontiers I  
was told that more than 3000 of our Troops were at that time  
encamped at Loyalhanning & I have been since assured by  
a Person who had been there that each Corps had surrounded  
themselves with a very good Breast Work which inclines me  
to think that it was not the main or principal Encampment at  
Loyalhanning which the Enemy attempted to force but some  
more advanced Post & the rather because it is said that Col<sup>o</sup>  
Bird of the Pensilvania Forces who is but the seventh officer  
on the Expedition had the Chief Command there. I am  
informed by a Letter from Raes Town dated the 23<sup>d</sup> of last  
Month that the Rear of the Army was then about to march  
from that place which corresponds with the Generals Letter  
of the 22<sup>d</sup> a Copy of which I shall take the Liberty to inclose  
Your Ldp that you may see after what manner he himself  
speaks of his present Situation & Prospect. I understand that  
upon its being found impracticable to make a good Waggon  
Road directly from the Loyalhanning to Fort Du Quesne as