

by the excessive bad Roads & the Scarcety of Forrage rendered unfit for farther Service & the Assembly of Pens^a not having at that time complied with the Request of S^r John S^t Clair who went to Phila^a the Beginning of Sept^r to represent the Difficulties that the General laboured under for want of Waggon^s & to obtain an Act for compelling the Civil officers to impress & furnish him with as many as the Service should require. Such an Act being at length passed & a sufficient quantity of Provisions carried up to Raes Town about the Middle of Oct^r All the Troops which were at that place except about a hundred Invalids that are left there as a Garrison under the Command of one Major Wells prepared to march but they did not proceed till the 23^d of that Month as you will see by the Copy of a Letter that I received a few Days since from the General & which I have taken the Liberty to inclose for His Ldp's perusal. At the Expiration of the Month during which I had at the General's Desire undertaken to garrison Fort Cumberland upon a Supposition that the Campaign would be in that time determined, I represented to the General that it was not in my Power to detain them any longer, & about 50 of the Virginians that had been left there sick in the Hospital being then pretty well recovered I resigned up the Command to their Officer & returned to Fort Frederick where I stayed from the 12th to the 14th of Oct^r & then came off for Annapolis to meet the Assembly which I did the 23^d of that month as you will see by the inclosed Gazettes which contain a Copy of my Speech at the Opening of the Session & Copies of the Addresses which the two Houses were pleased to present to me in Answer thereto. I am informed that the Gentlemen of the Lower House have since made a Resolve that they will out of the first Supplies that shall be granted for His Majesty's Service appropriate a Sum to reimburse the General & to pay off all the Arrears that shall be due to the Maryland Troops at the End of the Campaign but as they propose to frame their Bill upon the Old Plan of an Assesment I dare not flatter myself with the hopes of having it in my power to signify my Assent to a Supply Bill this Session tho I find that the Majority in the Lower House for that Mode of Taxation is far less considerable now than it was before the late Election. You will see in the Maryland Gazette of Yesterday's Date some Account of an Attack that the French are said to have made the 12th of last Month on our Camp at Loyalhanning, but as that Camp is surrounded with a good breast-Work & our Troops there said to amount to 3000 or upwards I do not imagine that the Enemy expected to force it nor can I conceive that they could have made such an Attempt without suffering greatly, which does not