

Letter Bk. III on the Ohio & believe that none could rejoice more at Your Excellency's would be more pleased to hear of Your being perfectly recovered than myself. I presume Col^o Dagworthy who came hither from Pittsburg while the Assembly was sitting has waited on Your Excellency since you reached Phila^a & informed you that they still adhere to their old Measures & that altho they professed a Willingness to reimburse Your Excellency & M^r Kilby what you have been pleased to advance on the Credit of the Province as well as to pay off all the Arrears that are due to our Troops yet that the Majority of them will not raise any Supplies for these or any other purposes otherwise than upon such Terms as cannot be accepted by the other Members of the Legislature Capt Beall arriving here a few Days after the Assembly had broke up with all the Maryland Soldiers except the Hundred which had been ordered to Fort Cumberland Col^o Dagworthy & he thought it advisable in order to prevent their Deserting or Disbanding themselves to give the men Furloughs & Leave of Absence untill Money shall be granted to pay off the Arrears that are due to them & till Notice shall be given them by an Advertisement in the Gazette to repair to a Place of Rendezvous. What Col^o Dagworthy has done with the Company that marched to Fort Cumberland I dont know having received no Advice from him about them since he left this place, but I presume he has before this time acquainted Your Excellency with his Proceedings & received your final Instructions concerning them. I received a Letter a few Days ago from General Amherst dated at N York the 13th of Dec^r wherein he desires that I will not disband our Troops but move the Assembly to continue them in pay during the Winter but if says he it should so happen that before the Receipt of this Letter those Troops shall be disbanded in that Case I must desire that you will lose no time in using Your Influence with Your Assembly to move them to order new Levies & to cause these to be provided with the usual necessaries & to be ready by the time the Season will admit their taking the Field. As I conclude from what you tell me in Your Letter of the 20th Inst which I have just received that you have seen General Amherst since you arrived at Phil^a or that you will in a very few Days see His Excellency at that place, & as you can & I doubt not will inform him more easily & fully at an Interview than I could well do by a Letter on what Footing & by what means the Maryland Troops have continued & been supported since the 8th of Oct^r 1757. I have declined troubling His Excellency with a particular Account of what has passed from time to time between the Earl of Loudoun, Brigadier Stanwix General Abercromby Your Excellency & Myself con-