

hopes of Your being able to procure me such a Commission as would incline me to quit my Gov^t which notwithstanding it has not hitherto proved very lucrative & has by the unhappy Situation of Affairs been rendered somewhat uneasy it would not I think be prudent to exchange for any Military Commission under that of a Colonel indeed I was not entirely without hopes when I wrote to Br John & to you the 2^d of May 1756 & would have engaged to raise a Regiment in Case I could have been supplied with Money from home to do so that a Commission might have been obtained for me, but as I am apt to think that two many of our Men have been since carried out of the Province by Recruiting Parties to leave enough to form a Regiment willing to enlist under me unless I had likewise Liberty to appoint all the Captains & Subaltern Officers, & as there will not in all Probability be much longer occasion for the Service of so many Troops in this Part of His Majesty's Dominions as are at present on foot in North America I do as I have already hinted despair of being brought back to the Army but shall endeavour to make myself easy in the Situation where I am placed, which I doubt not but I shall be able to do & at the same to encrease my Fortune a little after Peace shall be again restored to these Countries, if Ld Baltimore does not act an ungenerous Part by me & forgetting what a Stand I have made for him agst the Attempts of his Enemies treat me in the same manner that the Mess^{rs} Penns did M^r Morris whom they removed from his Government in order to make room for a Man that has lately thought proper to sacrifice them & their Interest to the Assembly of Pens^a rather than run the Risk of being recalled to England with an empty Purse. He has contrary to the Proprietaries Instructions & contrary to the Advice of his Council assented to the Bill which the Assembly of Pens^a have been so long contending for, by which it is said the Proprietaries will be obliged to pay more than £40,000 St^s towards sinking the Bills of Credit which have been struck in Pens^a & emitted at different times to pay & support the Troops which have been raised in that Province during the present War. he has likewise contrary to Instructions passed an Excise Bill to endure for 16 years by which the Assembly is vested with very considerable Powers & with the sole Disposal of such Excise which will bring into their Treasury several Thousand Pounds a Year. I am moreover told by a Gentⁿ who lately left Phila^a that the Assembly are preparing some other Bill of an extraordinary nature to which M^r Denny has likewise it is said for a good Consideration promised to give his Assent. What Impressions an Account of such Transactions in a neighbouring Colony will make on His Ldp I cannot tell; I wish he

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