

must be on the Assembly my Case with regard to that Account is really desperate. As to the Expences that I was at during my Stay on the Frontiers in 1756 which You'll see make one Article in my Account I did hope & expect that the Assembly would have made me whole since they had intimated to me their Desire that I would undertake that Journey: I am sure I saved them by my Presence there while Fort Frederick was building a much larger Sum than I have charged, but their Proceedings when my Account was at their next meeting laid before 'em leave me little room to hope that they will ever do me Justice with respect to that Article. I never did indeed flatter myself that the Assembly would repay me any of the money that I disbursed on the Frontiers last Summer, because I was then on a Service to which they had declared an utter Aversion, I mean my Carrying Militia to garrison Fort Cumberland & Fort Frederick in order that Brig^r Forbes's Army might be strengthened with the Soldiers which must have been otherwise left at those Posts, but as that measure of mine was of great Service to the General & was undertaken at his Request I do not think I should be unreasonable in expecting some Recompence. I have been told that the Assemblies of the Neighbouring Colonies have not even in the Height of their Disputes refused to make their Governors an Allowance for all Expresses & Letters that were sent or received by them relative to the publick Service, but our people have formally Resolved that they will not be burthened with any such Expence saying that such Charges ought to be paid out of the Money that is appropriated by sundry Acts of Assembly for the Support of Gov^t as Fines Forfeitures & the like which are at present all accounted for to the Ld Prop^r's Agent & Receiver General. Thus you see that in those Respects I am in a worse Situation than any of my Brother Governors, for which reason perhaps You'll say I ought to be more frugal, but really with regard to the Disbursements mentioned in the inclosed Account, I do not see how I could have avoided them, if you should have any prospect of getting me any Part of what is due Broth^r Phill will be so kind as to draw up such an Acco^t from the inclosed as you shall approve of & if thought necessary subscribe my name to it. I should I believe have extended my Acco^t to at least £1000 had I inserted all the Sums that I have paid at several times on Acco^t of the publick Service or which at least I should not have been liable to the Payment of had there been no Troops employed in N America but as I did not disburse very large Sums at any one time beside those which I have mentioned & a great part of what I have so expended cannot be well brought under any particular Article I thought it best to omit