

War which has been a very expensive One to me be in Circumstances to live where I list in Case I should then quit this Govern^t These hopes make me decline Thoughts of Solliciting by your means the Govern^t you mention which I am apt to think tho by your Account it is much more lucrative than this is not upon the whole more desirable ; the Climate is said to be more unhealthy & the Inhabitants of at least as bad Principles, indeed many of them are Emigrants from the other Colonies & vast Numbers of them Convicts retired from Virg^a & this Province ; And tho there may be some that one would be willing to converse with yet I am satisfied they are much fewer in number there than in this Part of America which hath been long settled. If therefore you are of Opinion that I stand a fair Chance of being continued here five or six years longer I would not have you say any thing more to the Ld President or Ld Hallifax concerning the Gov^t of N Carolina nor recommend me for it in Case of the Death or Removal of M^r Dobbs who is I understand on ill Terms too with his Assembly for what Reason I know not. I think myself much obliged to you for the Trouble you have already taken in behalf of the Officers who commanded the Maryland Troops & the Commissary that Victualled them if your Endeavours to have them paid meet with Success I shall much rejoice not only on their Account but also on my own for it will remove the principal Cause of Dispute between our two Houses of Assembly at the same time that it will disappoint the Lower & incline them to think that the Ministry in some measure disapprove of their Conduct, it will moreover appear as if my Letters to M^r Pitt had some weight & your Services & Success will by most people here be placed to my Account. I am of Your opinion that the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in N. America or Brig^r Stanwix who commanded in this part of it might if they had pleased have paid what was due to the Maryland Forces & the Commissary who Victualled them but neither of them could be prevailed on to pay either the Troops or the Commissary alledging that they were not at Liberty to do so. With respect to M^r Stanwix I really think that as the Commissary furnished Provisions in Consequence of his orders he would was the matter to be tried in a Court of Law be compelled to make full Payment, but I hope the Commissary will not be reduced to the necessity of taking that Step. I did not know whether it would be proper to address to M^r Pitt that Account of sundry Sums amounting to more than £600 stg disbursed by Myself which I inclosed in my Letter of the 24th of Sept^r & therefore declined mentioning it to him ; I am very much obliged to you & Brother Phill for the Steps you have taken with regard to it, but if 'tis rejected I shall not be much