

to remedy the end that the Execution of such a measure cannot miss to have—

From this Light of things, which is the true one I cannot doubt that Your Assembly will immediately take such Resolutions as shall Enable you to provide Effectually for the Security of that Important Post at Fort Cumberland, so as to prevent it being abandon'd, and put into the Enemy's possession, which would be the Effect of such a Resolution.—

I must further remind you of the uninterrupted orders, that have been Communicated to all the Governments in North America, from His Majesty's Secretaries of State, from the Year 1754 to this time, to be aiding & Assisting to his Commander in Chief in North America in supplying Troops &c. and that in Consequence of his Majesty's Commands to me, of applying to the different Provinces for such aid, as I see necessary for the Common Cause. I do demand from the Province of Maryland that the 500 men furnished for the Common Cause, and Employed by me this Last Summer, in the defence of their Garrisons on their Frontiers, be Continued in the Service this Winter, as absolutely necessary for the Defence of their own Province, and the Defence of His Majesty's Dominions.—

As to their Disposing of the Troops in the Winter I have the King's Commission to Command all men that are or shall be in Arms in North America; I am on the Spot, and whilst the King does me the Honour to Continue that Commission to me, I will Execute it, and if any Officer or Soldier, presumes to disobey my orders, I will treat him as the Law Directs.

If my Business can possibly permit me I will Come immediately to Annapolis where I do not doubt that you and I will be able to set things in such a Light as will be perfectly Satisfactory to the Gentlemen of your Assembly, and to Every other man that has the Safety & Prosperity of Maryland at Heart, and indeed of every man that has the prosperity and Safety of His Majesty's Subjects & Dominions in North America.

As the Business I am engaged in may put it out of my power to make this Journey so soon as I could wish, I must beg that you will take Every Measure to bring your Assembly to a right understanding of this so Essential a point, both for themselves, and His Majesty's Dominions in North America, and that you will, from time to time, acquaint me by Express of what Resolutions are taken in this Affair—

I am, with great Regard,  
Sir

Your most obedient  
Humble Servant

Loudoun.

To Governor Sharpe.