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to mention it would also Serve as a Place of Arms and Magazine for the Forces that may be engaged in such Service it being almost as far up as Potowmack is Navigable for small Craft and Fort Cumberland being very improper for such purposes on Account of its Situation which will allways prevent its being a place of Strength or even made Tenable and moreover by our building such Forts and keeping up such a Number of men for them the Inhabitants who live and have fine Settlements beyond the North Mountain would be encouraged to remain on their respective Plantations instead of deserting them as they must otherwise do and be reduced from affluent or easy Circumstances to a State of dependance or want.

²^{dly} It would be more Advisable to form the 200 Men proposed to be raised and Supported for the defence of the Fort on the North Mountain and to Range on the said Mountain into three Companies or else let them all be under the Command of one Captain or Commandant and be divided into three Relieves each Relief to Consist of a Lieutenant Ensign three Sergeants three Corporals and 58 Men

³^{dly} The Officers that may be appointed Commissioned to raise the 300 or any Number of men for carrying on an Expedition to the westward (if not the Officers who are to raise the Two hundred men for the Fort on the North Mountain should be permitted to offer and give a larger Bounty to Voluntiers than three pieces of Eight in some of the Neighbouring Colonies the Officers are allowed to give £5 for every Recruit

4 It should be left to the Commander in Chief of the intended Expedition to form the Companies that will be raised in this Province and put under his Command as he shall think proper which he cannot do if the Bill directs what Number of Officers and men each Company shall Consist of: The Regulation of such Troops or Companies Pay should also be left to him that by regulating the Pay of all the Provincial Troops that shall be under his Command and making it similar he might prevent the uneasiness dissatisfaction and Mischiefs that would be occasioned by a different Regulation and allowance.

5 The Neighbouring Colonies Pennsylvania not excepted Subject the Troops that are Supported by them respectively for their defence to Tryals by Courts Martial is it Proper that the Soldiers which are to be raised for Building and Garrisoning the Fort proposed to be built within this Province should alone be exempted from such Tryals and that to have a Soldier Punished for Mutiny and desertion his Officer must bring him before a Court of Judicature and Order all that part of the Garrison that shall be able to give Evidence against him to March down to a County Court in Order to attend and give Evidence on the Tryals