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are undisciplined as well as badly Armed and cannot be compelled to serve in defence of their Country. The white Inhabitants in Maryland are near 108,000 and the black upwards of 46,000 I apprehend 26,000. of the former are able to bear Arms but all Civil Officers, Roman Catholicks and Servants being exempted by Law or Custom the Militia does not exceed the Number above Mentioned. There are no works in this Province that deserves the name of Fortifications, Just behind and among our Westernmost Settlements are some small Stoccado or palisaded Forts built by the Inhabitants for the Protection of their Wives and Children: and besides these there is one larger tho' in my Opinion not much more capable of Defence on Potowmack about 56 Miles beyond our Settlements it has been Distinguished by the Appellation of Fort Cumberland, and is at present Garrisoned by three Hundred Men from Virginia; it is made with Stoccardoes only and commanded almost on every side by circunjacent Hills a Considerable Quantity of Military Stores that was left by General Braddock still Remains there, and ten of the Carriage Guns that his Majesty was pleased to Order to Virginia two years ago are mounted therein.

M.^r Lloyd, from the Committee appointed, brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker the following Report, viz.

By the Committee, appointed by the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly to examine into the Accounts of the Agents appointed for executing Part of an Act of Assembly, entituled, An Act for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same. September 23, 1756.

Your Committee having examined the several Accounts and Vouchers, produced to them by the said Agents, do find, That they have received, by Order of his Excellency the Governor, at sundry Times, Sums of Money amounting in the whole to £6600.17.0 Part of which Sum appears to your Committee to have been, by the said Agents, paid and expended in Manner following.

To Michael Vanbuskart, Lieutenant of Capt. Beall's Company, for his Charge of Enlisting Men, . . .	}	£. 43 2 6
To John Kidd, Ensign to Capt. Dagworthy, for Enlisting Two Men,		
To sundry Persons, for Medicines, Liquors, Working Tools, and Kitchen Utensils of all Sorts, Nails, and other Iron Ware, Provisions of all Sorts, Wages to Carpenters, Masons, Miners, and Labourers, together with Cart and Wag- gon Hire, including the Sum of £250 paid for the Purchase of the Land whereon the Fort is Erecting,	}	1711 8 2½