

And the following letter Viz.^t

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Sir.

Last night I had the favour of yours of Oct.^r 21st with an account of the Proceedings of your Assembly and a Copy of their Address to you. I must own the Restriction your Assembly endeavoured to lay on the Troops raised by your Province last Spring Surprized me as it interfered with the King's undoubted prerogative of Commanding all his Subjects in Arms either by himself or those he appoints under him. However the Troops were wise enough to obey his Majesty's Orders given them by those who alone had power to give them and I was in hope the gentlemen that compose the Assembly had reconsidered that Affair and seen the Error of it, But your Letter and their Address have shown me that I was mistaken and yet I cannot help having that Charity for my fellow Subjects to believe that this Affair has not appeared to them in its true light for I cannot think that the Assembly of Maryland ever intended to Invade the King's undoubted Prerogative nor can I possibly believe that they intend to throw the Frontier Garrisons of his Majesty's Dominions into the Enemies hands particularly when those Garrison's are in their own Province and so essential to their own protection—and yet this measure is big with all those Consequences, both from its own Nature and still more so from the season in which it is taken the account of it arriving to me late on the 2.^d of Nov.^r in the back Country of the Province of N. York by which measures they not only refuse their Aid to the common Cause and desert the Interest and Security of their own Province but by the Season they have taken this Resolution it put it out of the power of the King's Servants 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 its being abandoned and put into the Enemies possession which would be the Effect of such a resolution. I must further remind you of the uninterrupted Orders to have been communicated to all the Governments in North America from his Majesty's Secretary's of State from the year 1754 to this time to be aiding and assisting to his Commander in Chief in North America in supplying Troops &c.^a and 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

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