

Cumberland, yet, if the Measures mentioned in Captain Beall's Letter of the Second of December, inclosed in your Message of the Seventh, should put it out of your's and all the King's Officers Power, to supply any Troops the King may leave at that Fort with Provisions, or should compel his Garrison to abandon that Place, with it's Artillery and Stores, to his Majesty's Enemies, it would give us equal Concern with your Excellency.

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If any Member of our House has done any unwarrantable Act in Frederick County, to prejudice his Majesty's Service, we don't doubt but that your Excellency, who is invested with the executive Power in this Government, will take Care that every legal Step is taken to bring him to condign Punishment.

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The ample Provision we have this Session endeavoured to make for his Majesty's Service, by a Bill sent to the Upper House, will, we hope, convince every impartial Man, that your Excellency could not have the least Reason to suspect, that any Thing done by a Member of our House, to obstruct his Majesty's Service, could be with our Approbation; and that the groundless Insinuation implied in the Words ("not with your Approbation I hope") thrown into your Excellency's Message, could proceed from nothing but an ungenerous Disposition in you to propagat an Opinion, that the Conduct of this House has afforded Room for a Suspicion of our being Disaffected to his Majesty. It will give us as great Concern, as it possibly can your Excellency, to find any Measures have been taken by the Back Inhabitants to obstruct his Majesty's Service; and our Proceedings will manifest to the World, that we have always hitherto used our utmost Endeavours to avert the Evils that have more immediately threatened those People, and we are Resolved still to pursue the same Conduct: We are under the greatest Anxiety for them, and have already used our best Endeavours for their Relief by a Bill for that Purpose sent to the Upper House; in which such Rates were settled for Waggon Hire, as would have made them easy, and prevented their taking any ill-advised Steps, that might lay you under Difficulties, or bring Ruin on themselves.

We hope we shall not be answerable for what Col. Cresap may have told the People, in Relation to his Majesty's Fort: Our Resolves are public, and we don't doubt but we shall be able to justify them. We hope the Publick on the Frontiers will be better advised than to continue to detain any Waggons that have been legally pressed from them for his Majesty's Service: If they should not, we are persuaded your Excellency will think it your Duty to have the Laws put in Execution against them.

Whatever Steps the Earl of Loudoun, or the Officer appointed under his Lordship to command the Forces that have been raised & supported for the Defence of This and the Two Neighbouring Colonies, may think proper to take on this Occasion, we fully depend