

There being no Magistrate beyond Conegocheague, the Captain will not be able to return any Muster Rolls 'till the End of the Campaign, and should the Troops be unhappily defeated, and some of the Captains killed or taken Prisoners they then would find some Difficulty in getting their Pay, even after the Expedition shall be over, and should the Expedition be successful, and any of the Captains wounded or on Account of Sickness obliged to remain in the Hospital any considerable Time after the Campaign, the Troops would at least be kept out of their Pay for still a longer Time after they would be disbanded and dispersed. Had the Expedition taken Place in 1756 our Forces were to have been formed and paid as the Commander upon the Expedition should have thought fit; to this Part of the Bill we therefore object for the Reasons we have given it not being intended that either of the Agents should attend the Troops upon the Expedition, it seems necessary to appoint a Paymaster.

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Any Officer that shall have received Mony to pay a Soldier, and shall detain it a Fortnight after he shall have received it unless the Soldier be on Furlough is to forfeit the Sum of £50: this Direction we apprehend is too extensive as Emergencies may happen to put it out of the Power of the Officer to comply with it. A Soldier may be at a Distance from the Officer upon a Detachment during the Fortnight and longer: this Clause we therefore object to.

The Clause directing Informations to be filed in the Provincial Court ag: an Officer for any Breach whatsoever of the Bill may greatly harrass him and obstruct the Service, and therefore we think it ought to be—omitted.

The Troops as the Bill now stands, are to be maintained no longer than the 30.th of next September; this is too narrow and ought to extend to the End of the Campaign if the General should think fit, especially as a Surplus of the Money proposed to be raised will remain unappropriated.

The Persons to be employed in the recruiting Service should have some Reward. the recruiting Service is a very troublesome and disagreeable one and it seems reasonable and necessary to give them more than their Pain for their Trouble, if you think it practicable to raise the Men by the common Method of recruiting.

The Troops intended to be raised are to be formed into Companies but it may be more conducive to the Service to form them into a Regiment we therefore think that the Manner of forming them should be left to the Commander in Chief, and a provincial Clause for that Purpose ought to be inserted.

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We think that Part of the Bill very improper which directs that two hundred of the best Men shall be left at Fort Frederick, if any direction were necessary in this Particular it appears to us that the